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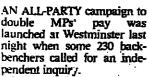


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## MPs unite in campaign for huge pay rise



In a surprise move tacitly acked by ministers, the MPs alled for the Nolan committee on standards in public life to begin an investigation aimed at bringing their incomes more into line with the public

Their Commons motion was tabled as the energy minister Tim Eggar an-nounced that he would leave Parliament at the next election lo pursue a new career in business. Mr Eggar, 44, is the 52nd Tory MP to declare his intention of leaving the Com-mons at the election and although he has told friends that pay was not a big influence on his decision, it will be cited as evidence of the difficulty in keeping experienced MPs in the Commons. Other ousiness include Steven Norris, the transport minister, and the former trade minister

Richard Needham. British MPs are among the lowest paid in the world, with only Greece and Spain paying their representatives less than the £34,085 that most backbenchers get. Last year American politicians received the most at £92,750, Italy paid 976,250; France £54,900; Jaoan £49,400; Germany £49,250 and Australia £39,450. In Spain the figure was £21.450 and in Greece £22.750.

The Commons motion. which calls on the Nolan committee to suggest changes by the end of April, does not specify figures, but some of its sponsors believe that the present salary must be at least doubled, and some MPs want ministers' salaries to be tre-



Eggar: 52nd Tory to announce he is quitting

bled to some £150,000. The strength of opinion has sur-prised the leaderships of both main parties, and government figures conceded last night that there had to be a "detailed look at pay.

Some MPs were angered by this year's below-inflation increase of 2.7 per cent. Many feel that the quality of new poor pay and that there is a growing trend for ministers to out the Commons soon after leaving the Government. They also claim that the need for a review has become urgent with the new limits on the outside work that they may

Backbenchers insist that it is not only the level of pay that concerns them, but also the mechanism for setting new rates. In the past, they have been linked to mid-ranking civil servants, but that will end next year when individual government departments set their own rates. Party leaders recognise that it would be politically dangerous for MPs to take control of their levels of pay and suggest that salaries need to be set by an indepen-

Sir Terence Higgins, a for-

mer Tory minister and one of the leading campaigners for higher salaries, said: "Over the last 30 years average real incomes in the country as a whole have risen by more than. 80 per cent, while MPs' pay has not risen at all in real terms and ministers' pay has more than halved."

There was no reason to prevent the Nolan committee nvestigating Commons pay. "Ultimately, standards in public life depend on the people who participate in it."

Mr Eggar's friends insisted last night that there was no mystery behind his decision to go. It was a career move with no political implications. One friend said that he was becoming bored and was more interested in the business side of his energy post. The Prime Minister has asked him to stay

in his job for the time being. Mr Eggar, who is a qualified barrister and was working as a banker before he have done 17 years as an MP, Il of which have been as a minister. I am 44 and I have therefore a reasonable chance of another full-time career ahead of me. I have not been offered a job. I have not been

haven't searched for a job." John Prescott said that Mr Eggar's decision would take the spring out of John's Major's step. "It is a vote of no confidence in John Major's ability to win the next elec-tion," he said. "Tim Eggar's decision not to fight his seat again gives the lie to all the hype about a Conservative recovery. It's as clear to Mr Eggar as it is to everyone else that the Conservatives will lose the next election and that he will lose Enfield North."

Peter Riddell, page 8



A police helicopter surveys the smouldering ruin of La Fenice Opera House in Venice yesterday. Offers to restore the "jewel of Italian opera" have been pouring in since Monday night's fire. The theatre acquired its name ("Phoenix") when it burnt down while being built in 1792. Pages 11, 15 and 31

### Hanson to split up conglomerate

By Alasdair Murray

HANSON yesterday announced that it would split into four secarate companies. the biggest company break-up vet seen in Britain. The £10 billion move is the

parting shot of Lord Hanson approached about a job. I who plans to step down as chairman of the company next year. Hanson's co-founder Lord White, who was regarded as the consumate dealmaker, died last year. During the 1980s the company was the darling of the City and of Mrs Thatcher, but it has fallen

from grace in recent years. The proposed demerger would see Hanson's chemical, energy, tobacco and building material divisions separated and floated off on the London and New York stock exchanges. The building materials division will preserve the Hanson name and Lord Hanson will remain as chairman until his retirement. Hanson has employed Rothschilds and Hoare Govett, the stockbrokers, as its advisers but the four new companies are likely

to need their own teams of experts before they float. Estimates suggests costs could reach £150 million although Hanson insisted yesterday that the costs were 'containable". Hanson was founded 30

years ago as a family haulage firm. but made its name during the 1980s when it became the model of an ag-gressive conglomerate, grabbing targets such as Imperial Tobacco in 1986 and Consolidated Goldfields in 1989.

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### **BBC** keeps **Olympics** in £lbn deal

THE BBC's coverage of the winter and summer Olympic Games has been assured until 2008 under a £1 billion agreement signed yesterday by European broadcasters.

The International Olympic Committee said it preferred to give the rights directly to terrestrial television channels, rather than to a consortium led by The News Corporation, which had submitted a higher bid, for exclusive European rights to the games.

The agreement is expected to dampen parliamentary demands for curbs on the rights of subscription and pay-perview channels to bid for sports

The subject is expected to be debated in the Commons next week during the passage of the Broadcasting Bill.

giant African snail, the Big Mac of the escargot world, for

farming. It is apparently deli-

cious with sova sauce. But the

snail escaped. Flame-throwers

and poisons were used in an

effort to control it until in 1978

a Florida snail was shipped in

### £50,000 antiques stolen from Kents

By JOANNA BALE

BURGLARS stole £50,000 worth of antiques when they broke into the home of the Duke and Duchess of Kent early on Monday, it emerged vesterday.

The Duke and Duchess were said to be deeply upset by the theft, which took place in their absence from their sevenbedroom manor, Crocker End House, at Nettlebed, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. The raiders broke in by forcing a ground-floor window at about 5am.

Nicholas Adamson, their private secretary, said last night: "Some small ornaments were taken from two or three rooms, but it is impossible to tell exactly what is missing until the Duke returns on Wednesday night from a trip abroad. The Duchess is in London and has also not been to the house yet. The burglars set off the alarms and escaped when the police arrived within two or three minutes. No one saw or heard them because the house was empty at the time, although a housekeeper lives in the grounds."

The Duke and Duchess have lived at the house since 1990, when they bought it from the Earl and Countess of Arran for nearly £2 million after moving from their graceand-favour residence. Anmer Hall, on the Queen's Sandringham estate in Norfolk.

Crocker End House, which is hidden behind a 6ft-high wall in two acres of landscaped gardens, has a modern alarm system which is linked directly to Henley police station. There are also floodlights which react to human movement in the grounds.

**Inquiry** into

**Gulf War** 

syndrome

AN APPEAL was issued last

night to all Gulf War veterans

suffering from unexplained

illnesses to come forward for examination by the Ministry of Defence (Michael Evans

The appeal was made after

an announcement in the Com-

Armed Forces Minister, that

new investigations are to

begin into claims that about

700 personnel who served in

the 1991 conflict are suffering

#### Cunard chief's £232,000 payoff

John Olsen, the former Cunard boss who lost his job over the disastrous QE2 "cruise to hell", left the comnany with a £232,000 payoff, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Olsen resigned from his New York-based job last





Polynesian tree snail's slow evolution ends in extinction By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE last remaining specimen of a small tree snail that is one of the slowest movers on earth has died after a ten-year relatively rare." battle to keep the species from extinction.

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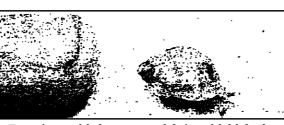
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Curators at London Zoo found Partula turgida, the Polynesian snail about the size of a broad bean, motionless in its perspex box. A zoo spokesman said its tombstone would bear the legend: "1.5 million years BC to January 1996." The death of the snail,

known to staff as Turgi, was discovered by Paul Pearce-Kelly, assistant curator of lower invertebrates: "Species extinction is an almost certain daily phenomenon but actual documented cases of loss are

Studies in the wild indicate that this group of snails move at less than two feet a year. But Mr Pearce-Kelly said that they knew it had expired: "They are not so slow that you cannot tell they are dead."

The demise of Partula turgida, marks another sad chapter in the tragic history of Polynesian tree snails, creatures that have become celebrities among evolutionary



Partula turgida became a celebrity with biologists

biologists and akin to Darwin's finches in importance. The snails, which feed on the rotting stems of hibiscus trees, have engaged some of

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the best scientific minds since the turn of the century. Free cies. But in 1967 a local predators Partula entrepreneur introduced the

evolved into 117 species in the Society Islands, northwest of Tahiti, all occupying distinct ecological niches. Some are Partula. still evolving or halfway between one and another spe-

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as a biological control. Unfortunately the snail, Euglandia rosea and known as the Exocet of the snail world, prefered the taste of the tree snails. Within a decade it had wiped out 27 species of

Partula turgida passed away remains a mystery. A post mortem examination will be carried out.



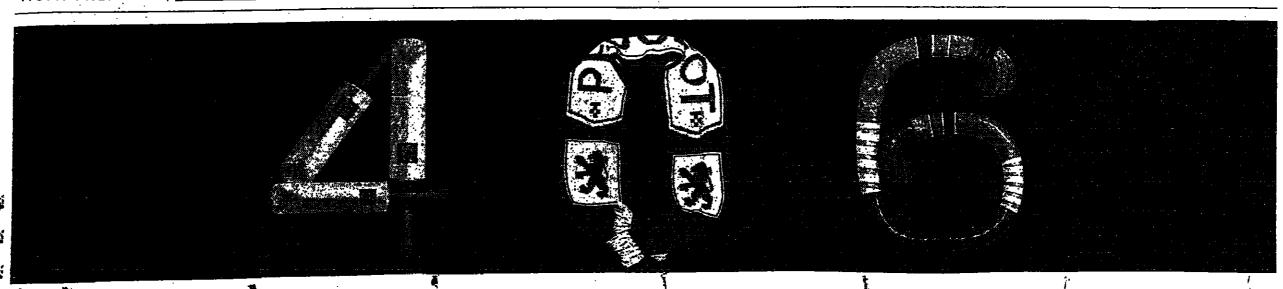
they're still on the funeral march"

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### Much bickering in the marsh scares off butterfly of goodwill

tified yet another group of satisfied customers under Tory rule. Butterilies. "They will benefit. he said. from our action plan." The butterflies in question were the Marsh Fritillary, whose special needs had been raised at environment questions by Paul Flynn, the Labour MP for Newport W. The action plan in question was the Biodiversity Plant, which Clappison commended.

Coexistence in the West-

ames Clappison, a junior minster biosphere of the ea-minister, yesterday idenger. puppy-faced Clappison and the bitingly lugubrious Flynn is in itself evidence of biodiversity. There was something heart-warming in the sight of both taking a break Marsh Fritillary: "that delicate and most beautiful living jewei of nature." breathed Flynn. We could extract the Tory and Labour MP from the sour Westminster air and picture both chasing across Weish grasslands, jewelled

Then Flynn spoiled it. He suggested that it was after 17 years of Tory misrule that the ranks of the Marsh Fritillary had been depleted to 60 per cent of their numbers uniter Labour. There are caterpillars, we reflected, who have only ever known Tory rule. moths who cannot remember the winter of discontent. Thatcher's pupae. Clappison retaliated by implying a likeness between Mr Flynn and the Dingy Moocha Moth ...



and the magic departed. Such a shame. The only other available topic of debate this week seems to be hypocrisy. A chap isn't a chap in the Parliamentary Conservative Party these days unless he's found yet another way of calling Labour "hypocrites". This presents difficulties as, like "liar" but unlike the term

"Dingy Moocha Moth", the term "hypocrite" is out of order in the chamber. if used by one member of another. You can brand a party, an argument, or even (possibly) a speech as hypocritical; you can probably accuse the Government as a whole, or the Labour Party, of hypocrisy: actually calling another MP a Questions, would John Major

Members strive ingeniously to get round this prohibition. Yesterday produced two rather cunning routes. Environment Secretary John Gummer told Labour's Nick Raynsford (Greenwich) what he would need to do in order "that you are not seen as hypocritical". Miss Boothroyd flinched, but let it pass. Later, bearded Paddy Tipping (Lab. Sherwood) evened the score for Labour. How, he asked at Prime Minister's

describe a man who promised not to raise VAT, then did: "as a hypocrite, or a liar?" 'Or 'skint' maybe?" mut-

tered a colleague. At the dread concurrence of both the "L" and the "H" words. Miss Boothroyd flinched again. Major paused a moment, in case she could intervene. But Teacher was not sticking up for Johnny, so he had to plough on. In fact the Prime Minister

had another good day. His best moment was when he

the phrase "governments cannot run companies", waited for the shrieks of Labour outrage, then revealed that the quote was from Tony Blair. The Labour Leader has been knocked off his stride, and did not recover it yesterday. It

lifted Tory spirits. But hardly the human spirit. Near the end. Mr Majors throat all but gave out and he began to croak, miserably. We prescribe a break from all this, and a weekend's walk

where there are butterflies.

### Major and Hume strike positive note on Ulster assembly

By Nicholas Wood and Nicholas Watt

JOHN MAJOR appeared to accused Mr Major of buying be making headway last night in his efforts to put the Northern ireland peace process back on track. John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. emerged from 90 minutes of intensive talks with the Prime Minister at Westminster to declare that they were work-

ing towards a common goal. Mr Hume's remarks and his more relaxed manner were in stark contrast to his demeanour last week, when he denounced Mr Major's plan for an elected body in Northern Ireland to break the deadlock over the IRA's refusal to begin disarmament before all-

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE murder of Gino Galla-

zher, leader of the outlawed Irish National Liberation

Army, in West Belfast yester-

day prompted fears of a

bloody internal feud. Mr

Gallagher, 32, believed to have

become INLA chief of staff last

year, was shot in the head at a

social security office on the

Assistant Chief Constable

Bill Stewart, who heads the

RUC in Belfast, said last night

that there were "strong indica tions" that Gallagher had died

as a result of an INLA feud.

The organisation has had a

series of violent schisms since

out with all the ruthless char-

acteristics of ourrages the

people of Northern Ireland

had prayed they had seen the last of," Mr Stewart said.

children, was bitterly opposed

to the ceaselire. He was shot

just before Ham while he sat to

Mr Gallagher, who had two

The murder was carried

it was formed in 1975.

Falls Road

Terrorist killing

raises fear of feud

Unionist votes by sidelining the Mitchell report's "compromise" proposal of IRA decommissioning during rather than

before all-party talks. In a joint statement with Downing Street last night Mr Hume said that they had exchanged views on their "common wish for a comprehensive negotiated peace settlement" and agreed to meet again soon. "There is a process under way which we are pursuing with the Prime Min-

It is understood that at the meeting Mr Major reaffirmed his intention that the elected body should be a "passport to talks" and was not an attempt

Gallagher: had opposed

terrorist ceasefire

sign on. A man got up from

behind him and fired at point-

blank range a number of

times before walking out

through the offices to the Falls

Northern Ireland Minister, condemned the killing as bru-

tal and callous. She said it

showed "in the most chilling

way" the importance of

decommissioning terrorist

Denton, the

Baroness

assembly dominated Unionists. It would have a finite life with no legislative. administrative or executive The Prime Minister is this

week due to meet Ian Paisley. leader of the Democratic Unionists, and David Trimble, head of the Ulster Unionists. He is expected to telephone John Bruton, the Irish premier, this week. Earlier yesterday Sir Pat-

rick Mayhew, who was present at the meeting with Mr Hume, met the Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams at Stormont, Afterwards Mr Adams, who left last night for a meeting in the United States with Tony Lake, National Security Adviser to President Clinton, repeated his strong opposition to Mr Major's proposed body, although he did not rule out participation in

The Northern Ireland Secretary sounded a more optimistic note, saying that he took encouragement from Sinn Fein's agreement to meet him at short notice. During the meeting he reassured Sinn Fein that the Government did not want to set up a Unionistdominated assembly.

Sir Patrick's conciliatory tone, which contrasted with Mr Major's forceful challenge to Sinn Fein last Wednesday. underlined the Government's determination to take on board nationalist concerns before drawing up any firm proposals for elections.

The Northern Ireland Secretary said parties would be elected having passed an electoral test of commitment to a peaceful democratic process. Ministers envisaged that the elected body would select from its number representatives for

He insisted that the Government would not retract the proposal, having identified it as a means of creating the necessary confidence to move the peace process forward.

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More than 500 workers in the City church City of London filled St Helen. Bishopsgate. during their restored to lunch hour yesterday to celebrate the reopening of the church four years after it was full service

The 12th-century stone building, overshadowed by high-rise glass and steel office torian interior and returned it to the simpler arrangement blocks, was unscathed for 850 after the Reformation. Prebendary Dick Lucas, recyears until the bomb blew out tor for 35 years, delivered a its stained glass windows, sermon from the Gospel of St showered the pews with ma-Mark before the congregation sat down to \$2.50 sandwich sonry and buckled its roof on April 12, 1902. Yesterday the worshippers streamed in to lunches. Many were returning see the results of the £3.5 milfor the regular Tuesday serfor restoration, which has vices for City workers. Tony Peacock. 67. of Wembley.

damaged by an IRA bomb.

north London, who had been attending since 1961, said: like the space and light and general airiness. With any ancient church there is always a history of damage from fire, earthouake, war, vandalism or sometimes just neglect. They are living buildings."

Susan Baxter, who had trav-

elled from Maidstone, Kent. said: "I am rather old fashioned. I like the wooden pews. It was much darker before. I think I could get used to it."
Mr Lucas said: "People are very relieved and very excited about the restoration. They like what they see. Everything is clear, bright and beautiful."

### Woolf to speed up medical claims

Faster and simpler procedures will be outlined today for medical negligence claims, which cost an estimated £125 million a year. Lord Woolf, who is chairing an inquiry into civil justice, says that a new culture must be developed in which it is accepted that doctors, like others, make

The proposed reforms, to be put to a conference of health service professionals, are designed to make claims less lawyer-driven and adversarial. They include a new fasttrack procedure to settle claims of less than £10,000 and compulsory out-of-court settlement for claims of less than £3,000. A consultation paper published yesterday said that the new methods would be suitable for claims where financial compensation was not the main aim: "Some victims want an explanation or apology rather than financial compensation. but are forced into protracted litigation." Dr Thomas Stuttaford, page 5

### Claire murder charge

A 19-year-old student will appear before magistrates in Cardiff today charged with the rape and murder of Claire Hood, 15, more than a year ago. Claire's body was found in woods on the St Mellons estate in Cardiff on January 19. 1995, only a few hundred yards from her home. Police have carried out DNA tests on more than 2,000 local men in the

### Nigerian wins asylum

Akin Adegboye, a Nigerian who claimed he would be the target of a death squad if he was returned to Lagos, is to be allowed to remain in Britain with his wife, it was announced yesterday. An immigration tribunal in Glasgow ruled that the couple, who have been in Britain since 1989 and have two young children, had a "genuine and well-founded" fear of persecution if they returned to Nigeria.

### Good response to appeal

Detectives hunting the rapist of a woman who had been under police protection said yesterday they were delighted with the public response to their appeal. More than 100 calls were taken after Cambridgeshire police assued an artist's impression of the long-haired attacker who stalked the victim for five months. Police said the woman was provided with advice and security devices she agreed were sufficient.

### Winchester pupil dies

A sixth-former who had just won a place to read Classics at Merton College, Oxford, was found dead in the library of Winchester College. Richard Metcalf, 18, of Wimborne Minster, Dorset, who had been treated for depression, was discovered by a fellow pupil. An empty pill bottle was nearby. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.

### Highly rated pigsty

£70.000 to return a building used as a pigsty for 50 years to residential use. English Heritage has said it has the power to renovate the remains of a thatched lathe-and-plaster cottage dating from the early 17th century and present the bill to Gillingham Borough Council. The building near Lower Rainham was Grade II listed in 1994.

### Patten attacks 'daft' campaign to oust Clarke

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Conservatives called for an end to an apparently high-level whispering campaign against Kenneth Clarke last night. One former Cabinet minister told Tory MPs that they could be sealing their fate at the general election if they failed to support the Chancellor.

A spate of hotly disputed reports have suggested either a rift between Mr Clarke and the Prime Minister or a series of Cabinet defeats for Mr

Clarke, John Patten, the former Edu-cation Secretary, said yesterday that Mr Clarke deserved the support of everyone in the Tory party and that those trying to remove him were "dah

and short-sighted".
Mr Patten's intervention coincided with an interview by Mr Clarke in which he denied claims that he had accepted that he was coming to the end of his government career. In what appeared to be a concerned move to rally behind Mr Clarke, senior rightwing ministers said he had been treated disgracefully by colleagues issuing leaks against him, because of his strongly pre-European stance. Mr Patten is a friend of Mr Clarke. but opposes his line on the single currency. His speech at the Carlton Club marks the first serious acknow-

ledgement of a campaign against the Chancellor. Mr Panen said that. whatever anyone in the Tory party thought about Mr Clarke, his style, his views on Europe for his Hush Puppies for that matter, they would be daft to fail to understand the economic indicators, including the best run of low inflation and the lowest rate of income tax for half a century, and the lowest mortgage costs

Only the "most kamikaze Tory politician" should overlook the fact that the Chancellor was not delivering some ephemeral pre-election one-year wonder, but laying much more sub-stantial foundations for decades ahead. "I would say to those bent on disturbing the political, and thus the economic, calm at No II, you are daft and short-sighted, because you may well be signing your political death warrant in your own seat."

### Catholic chaplain for Queen

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A ROMAN Catholic has been appointed for the first time as an honorary Chaplain to the Queen. Buckingham Palace confirmed vesterday. Monsi-gnor Noel Mullin, 48, princi-pal chaplain to the Royal Navy since 1993, will be one of 12 military chaplains who hold the title at any one time.

Palace officials said that Mgr Mullin, who served in the Falklands campaign and

Northern Ireland, had been recommended by the navy. His title is purely honorary, but he will take part in Forces' religious services attended by members of the Royal Family. Mgr Mullin, a native of

Barrow-in-Furness. Cumbria. said last night that his appointment was a recognition of inter-church co-operation in the navy's chaplaincy service. The Rt Rev Francis Walmsley. Anglican bishop of the Forces.

welcomed the appointment "Her majesty has honoured numerous chaplains from the other churches, but this is the first time that a Catholic chaplain in any of the Service has been honoured in thi

way." the bishop said, Last November, the Queen became the first reigning mon arch since the Reformation to make an official visit to a Catholic church service, when she attended Westminste



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# Gunman admits killing spree on millionaire's boat

FROM BOB GRAHAM
IN ANTIGUA

FOUR people aboard a British millionaire's racing yacht were tortured and killed when they anchored overnight off the Caribbean island of Barbuda. The four - two Britons and two Americans were bound, gagged, stabbed and blasted with a shotgun, a court was told yesterday.

They were the alleged victims of three young West Indians who believed that the 65ft racing ketch Computacenter Challenger, registered in Jersey and owned by Peter Ogden, chairman of one of Britain's biggest computer dealership, had a substantial amount of cash on board.

The reality was that the yacht carried little cash or



opening of the murder trial in St John's. Three men from Barbuda, where the Princess of Wales holidayed last month, appeared before the couple, Bill and Kathy Clever.

court charged with the murders of lan Cridland and Thomas Williams, both British yachting enthusiasts, and middle-aged American Mellanson Harris, 23, and Marvin Joseph, 22, pleaded

arrested after a four-week investigation by Scotland Yard detectives called in to investigate the killings. The Scotland Yard team was in Antigua investigating the kill-ing of the former head of Customs and Excise. They were immediately transferred to Barbuda. Initially, local police be-lieved the deaths of the four

The three men were

co-accused.

people aboard the Challenger were connected to an international drug-smuggling ring or piracy. But a detailed investigation, led by Detective Super-intendent Michael Lawrence of Scotland Yard's international and organised crime department, drew a different conclusion about the alleged motive for the first murders in almost 70 years on the tiny island of Barbuda, 27 miles north of Antigua. When the Yard team investi-

gated the recent background of the three suspects they discovered two had spent a lot of time in 1993 and 1994 in New York, where they were involved in armed robberies. On board the ketch were Mr Cridland, 33, the skipper,

and Mr Williams, 22, his deckhand. They were described as typical of the yachties" who make their living crewing the boats of the rich and famous. Mr Cridland, who was 6ft 2in and powerfully built, had

spent five years working as a geologist in the United States before returning to his first love, sailing. Mr and Mrs Clever, from California, had flown to Antigua from Britain for a week's

fishing and swimming. The

Clevers had met Mr Ogden, a flamboyant Northern entrepreneur, during a Mediterranean sailing holiday five years earlier and had kept in touch. When he bought Jethou, one of the smallest Channel Islands. he asked the Clevers to look after his six-bedroom manor house there and to help to entertain important visitors.

Mr Clever, 58, had been educated at an American naval academy and had spent his life at sea working for the US Government and as a diver on the east coast. The couple had sailed their own 40ft yacht across the Atlantic Mrs Clever. 52, was a French-

The Clevers flew into Antigua on January 24, 1994, and joined the Challenger in English Harbour, a popular



Mellanson Harris, above left, Donaldson Samuel, centre, and Marvin Joseph arriving in handcuffs at the court in Antigua yesterday at the start of their trial; and three of their alleged victims: Kathy and Bill Clever, below left; and Ian Cridland, the yacht's skipper

The Caribbean trip was their reward for a job well done.

trained cordon bleu cook.

Mr Cridland radioed back to Antigua after the first night



al boating set. Two days later the four set sail for the deserted western-facing

beaches of Barbuda.

the most beautiful places on the planet."

ders were discovered by a party of French holidaymakers on board the Margot One Within hours he and his sailing companions were dead from a combination of near by who became suspicious after noticing no sign of

multiple stab wounds and

days. One of them later said: There was something strange about her as she gently rode the waves. Everything was quiet - too quiet. Then as we got closer there was a smell in the breeze. It was the smell of Rex Mackay, QC, for the

prosecution, opened the case by telling the five-man, fourwoman jury: "The islands of Antigua and Barbuda are blessed with beautiful sands and waters which causes visitors and tourists to come to our shores and spend their vacations here.

\*Our constitution does not discriminate against anyone. and whether they are citizen or visitor they are entitled to the These people deserved the protection, but it was not

The trial continues.

life on the Challenger for two

### Sinclair to marry C5 with Reliant Robin

The Computacenter Challenger, owned by Peter Ogden, chairman of a large computer dealership

A CAR combining features from two of Britain's most lampooned vehicles is being planned by the inventor Sir Clive Sinclair. The man who created the failed C5 confirmed vesterday that he had been in talks to cross it with a

neen in talks to cross it w fibreglass Reliant Robin.
The project to units The project to unite the three-wheelers into a new 'about-town" electric car is on hold as Reliant Motors was put into administration before Christmas with debts of 11.5 million and administrators are talking to potential

> Sir Clive, also the brain behind Sinclair computers. said: We hope funds can be found to get the situation resolved. We have been talking for a few months. The vehicle would be a lightweight but robust design for local use. It would be highly reliable, cost next to nothing to run. and cost very little to service as there is very little to wear out. it won't take you from London to Scotland, but you would use another car for that."

The proposed electric car would be about the size of a Rover Metro. A prototype is expected to be available in about two years' time if the project goes ahead.

Sir Clive launched the C5 u one-man, plastic, electric tricycle — in 1985, but it quickly became an object of after six months, but they have since become collectors' items.

### 'Serial killer strangled youths to silence them'

By PAUL WILKINSON burnt and close to the centre of

THREE youths were murdered and their bodies set ablaze to stop them revealing that their killer was homosexual, a court was told

yesterday.

John Milford, QC, for the prosecution, told Leeds Crown Court that the killings were so similar they must have been the work of the same man. Steven Grieveson, 25, of Sunderland, denies the murders of Thomas Kelly, 18, and David Hanson and David Grieff. both 15. The deaths were regarded at first as unconnected inci-

dents involving experiments with drugs. It was not until six months after the last death when pathologists voiced their suspicions that detectives realised they were searching for a serial killer, Mr Milford said. Two of the country's most eminent pathologists. Dr Iain West and Professor Peter

Vanezis, examined the victims and found that all three had been strangled with ligatures which had left no marks. The bodies were all found badly

Mr Milford said: "Grieveson was a homosexual who was unwilling or unable to accept his sexuality. There are two possible reasons why he killed these youths — to prevent them from revealing he had demonstrated his sexual

simply enjoyed killing them and setting fire to their Mr Milford said that pathologists could not immediately find signs of murder despite police suspicions. But when Dr Vanizis and Dr West were called in for a second opinion they found all three had been strangled with a ligature such as a cord or a

preferences or because he

scarf. The similarities between the deaths were so striking that each must be the work of the same man, Mr Milford said. All occurred after dark, but not late at night. All the victims were former or current pupils of Monkwearmouth Comprehensive. He said that the youths were



The victims: David Grieff, left, Thomas Kelly and David Hanson were all set alight after being killed

known to have experimented with drugs and solvents. Thomas Kelly's badly burnt body was found in an allotment greenhouse in November 1993. Mr Grieveson had been seen with him earlier. and had travelled with him on

a bus from the city centre. He had been strangled with his own scarf and then burnt on a fire made from scrap floorboards. Mr Grieveson told police that he had been with a friend that night, but the friend could not remember

David Hanson's body was found in an empty house in February 1994, with fabric from a dust sheet round his neck. A fire had been started under his body. Mr Grieveson's fingerprint and a print from his shoe were found. 'He claimed they had been

left there when he burgled the

house days earlier. However, his accomplice told police that Grieveson had worn rubber gloves during the robbery."

David Grieff, a friend of David Hanson, died 17 days later in a shed next to the greenhouse where Thomas Kelly died. He was strangled with his own belt and thrown on a bonfire of newspapers. DNA in semen found on his body matched samples taken from Mr Grieveson. Only one in 200,000 would be similar,

Mr Milford told the jury. He said that David Grieff had set out to buy cannabis that night, and Mr Grieveson had offered to help him but lured him to the allotment for sexual purposes. The trial

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### Aspinall celebrates victory with tigers

By Dominic Kennedy

JOHN ASPINALL is promising to romp with his tigers on Sunday after winning the right for keepers to go back into the big cats' enclosures at Howletts Zoo Park. An industrial tribunal yesterday overturned a council ban imposed after a

keeper was mauled to death in 1994.

The ruling saves the jobs of 150 catering, gate and administrative workers: Mr Aspinall had threatened to close his two Kent zoos to the public if he lost. The

tribunal accepted Mr Aspinall's argument that the keepers act as surrogate mothers for the baby tigers and have to teach them the skills they need to survive when released into the wild.

It said the zoo, which is soon to release gorillas in Africa, "operates a very successful breeding programme with the medium to long term objective of reintro-ducing into the wild animals which have been bred in captivity. The practice of bonding and the continuation of contact with hand-reared tigers after they have

reached young adulthood is one essential feature of the way Howletts operates." Mr Aspinall said yesterday: "The tribunal has understood the importance of bonding. This, of course, is revolution-

ary because 95 per cent of zoos in this country would not agree with them." The tribunal chairman was outvoted by the two other members to overturn the bury City Council order under the Health & Safety at Work Act.

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### Drug-taking 'has become the norm' among teenagers

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

EXPERIMENTAL use of illicit drugs by young people is so widespread that it must be considered the norm, a government report says. Surveys show that up to 60 per cent of under-los have been offered drugs and more than a third of these have tried them.

Most suffer no ill-effects but

those who develop problems are being ignored by the health service, which has "virtually no provision for drugaddicted children and adoles-cents. Since 1990 the number of drug addicts under 25 notified to the Home Office has increased by 20 per cent. Keith Hellawell. Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said at the launch of the report that some children had resorted to prostitution to fund their habits. "There are prostitutes in Bradford, 11, 12 and 13-yearolds, who are cruckheads. We can't lock them up; all we can do is take them back to their care homes," he said. The report from the NHS Health

by the Government to monitor standards of care, says many young people are trying a range of drugs and that the age of initiation is dropping. "So many young people use

or experiment with alcohol and illicit drugs that this behaviour cannot be justifiably described as abnormal. The vast majority of them do not go on to develop destructive, harmful or offending lifestyles," the report says.

The widespread use of Ec-stasy was highlighted last year with the death of Leah Betts. who collapsed at her eigh-teenth birthday party. The inquest into her death, which opens today, is expected to conclude that she died of drinking too much water. causing her brain to swell, in the mistaken belief that this was an antidote to the illeffects of the drug.

Efforts to warn children off drugs, such as the "Just say" no" campaign, have little effect

Advisory Service, appointed but permissive amtudes by parents may encourage drug use. "Parental tolerance of drug use and their approval of drinking were significant predictors of drug use and the amount of drinking by adoles-

cents," the report says. Mr Hellawell said police ractics had changed. The proportion of cautions issued to young people involved in firsttime drug offences had increased from 1 per cent to 61 per cent during the past "Drugs are part of the youth

culture and we have to accept that. The problem is not going to be resolved by purting them before a court." he said. ☐ A boy aged II has been arrested on suspicion of supplying amphetamine at school. The boy, who attends a secondary school in Kirkby. Merseyside, was released on police bail after questioning. Children and Young People: substance misuse services (HMSO: £12)



Paul McCartney and some of the international performing arts students at yesterday's inauguration in Liverpool

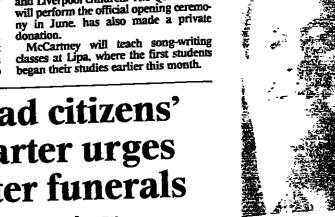
### McCartney fulfils Liverpool dream

PAUL McCARTNEY returned to Liverpool vesterday for the inauguration of the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, the realisation of a seven-year dream. The former Beatle has seen his school, the Liverpool Institute High School for Boys, converted into a centre of excellence for 200 budding performers. He said the school had given him. a

boy from a poor background in Speke.

the belief that he could succeed and conquer the world with a combination of love, passion and hard work. "We can't inject the kids with talent, but we can help to nurture what talent they've got and show them the pitfalls so they won't fall into them themselves." McCartney told students and guests at the ceremony. In an emotional reference to his deceased parents. Jim and Mary, he said: "I can't help thinking about how proud my mum and dad would have been but I can't go

into that because I would start crying. The institute - Lipa - which cost £15 million to set up, has received donations from sources as wide-ranging as the EC, the National Lottery, showbusiness stars and Liverpool children. The Queen, who will perform the official opening ceremony in June. has also made a private



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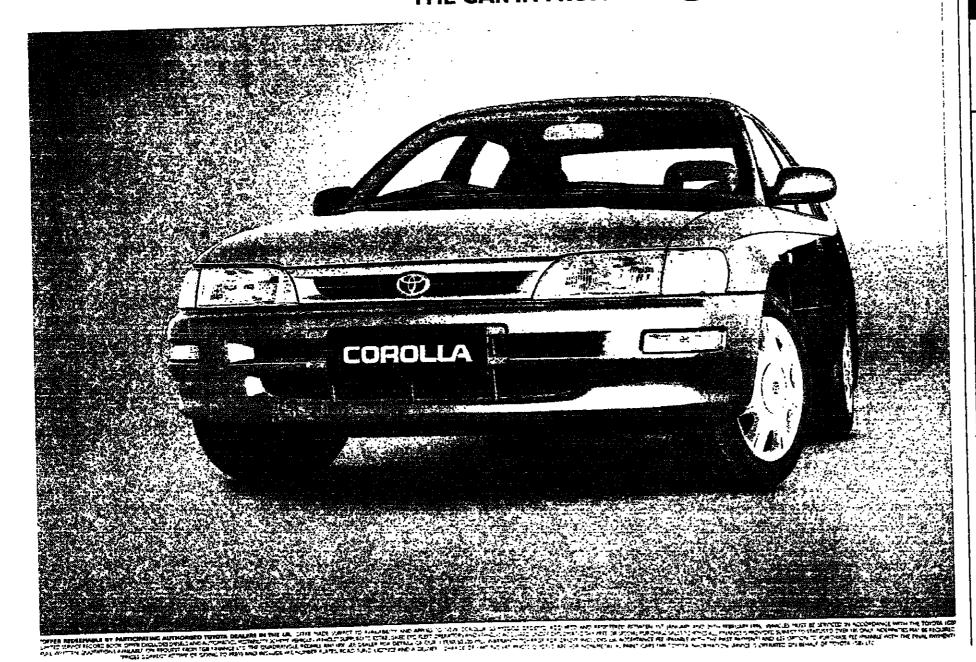
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### Dead citizens' charter urges better funerals

By Russell Jenkins

A CHARITY that aims to improve the way death is dealt with has said the average funeral is a "miserable and disappointing" affair with the dead buried or cremated as if on a production line. Bereaved families are often pressured into expensive funerals only to see their loved ones dispatched in dull services conducted hurriedly by priests who do not know them, it says.

The National Funerals College, based in London, is launching a campaign today to bring back spiritual and moral meaning to the funeral service, which they believe lacks "meaningful symbolism. dignity, adequate time and comfort for those who mourn". It is publishing The Dead Cirizens Charter, which says people should take control of the service from the funeral directors, clergy and ocal authorities who own most

The charter is the inspiration of Lord Young of Dartington, 80, founder of the Consumers' Association and a guiding light behind the Open University. He has been campaigning for more uplifting and personal ceremonies since the death of his second wife, Sasha Moorsom, who

died of cancer three years ago after 33 years of marriage.

Lord Young, the charity's

founding president, said: "We are concerned that local authorities, which own nine tenths of crematoria, have a vested interest in rushing people through in the short time allowed, in order to keep to their budgets. The Department of the

Environment has encouraged local authorities to sell off their crematoriums to private business, which largely means funeral directors. Bereaved people will have even less choice if the crematorium operates a system favouring clients of its owners." The charity says people should be given detailed information about prices and

crematorium ownership. It should be made clear that people have the right to nominate who conducts the funeral clude an appreciation of the person who has died. Dominic Maguire, spokes-

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man for the National Association of Funeral Directors. said: "The association welcomes any document which can contribute towards the quality of funerals and make the needs of families."

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Research will examine health of former troops and the incidence of abnormal births

# MoD orders study of 'Gulf War syndrome'

A FRESH study into claims by 700 former servicemen and women that they are suffering from "Gulf War syndrome" was ordered by the Ministry of Defence yesterday. Evidence of abnormalities among habies born to Gulf veterans will also be examined.

Armed Forces Minister, announced the moves after seven leading medical experts told the ministry last week that further studies were justified. Viœ-Admiral Tony Revell, the Surgeon-General, said he hoped that the studies would reassure Gulf veterans that the ministry was doing everything possible to examine their fears of a war-related illness. The ministry has examined 350 veterans and found no evidence of a com-

mon syndrome.

A series of epidemiological studies will be commissioned to compare the health of Gulf veterans with similarly matched groups of servicemen and women who did not go to the Gulf. This study, which could take up to three years, will also focus on the number of birth defects among child-

ren born since the Gulf War. Veteran associations said there were at least 60 known cases of abnormalities among babies born to Gulf personnel. However, Sir Colin Berry, a leading authority on birth defects at the Royal London part in the study, said yesterday that one in 40 births in the United Kingdom - live and stillborn - had serious defects. The study will seek to discover whether the number of defective births among Gulf War veterans is statistically

More than 51,000 British servicemen and women went to the Gulf. Sir Colin said that about 15,000 births would have taken place since the war from a group of that size, so a figure of about 375 defective births could normally be

Some of the new studies will be conducted by the ministry, but universities and other



Soames: made his move

research facilities will also be commissioned to carry out work. The project will be overseen by the Medical Research Council. Mr Soames also announced

that research would begin into the possibility of an interaction between the vaccinations given to all service personnel in the Gulf to protect them against chemical and biological attacks, and the Naps tableis (nerve agent pre-treatment sets) distributed to sol-diers expected to face the greatest risk of Iraqi nervegas. Admiral Revell said that Naps on their own were harmless and could be taken in large doses, but studies were needed to see if there

tion with the vaccinations. Of the 37 countries that contributed troops to the Gulf War coalition, only Britain, the United States, Canada and Norway have had cases in-volving the so-called Gulf War syndrome. It also appears that only Britain, the United States and Canada provided the Naps. Admiral Revell said there was a "polarisation of opinion" that Naps might be

could have been any interac-

the villain of the piece". The United States sent 500,000 troops to the Gulf, of whom about 17,000 still serving have registered with the Pentagon as suffering from Gulf War syndrome.

A spokesman for the Penta-

recognise Gulf War syndrome. We distributed the nerve agent pre-treatment available and were given to those who might be exposed to nerve-gas attacks.

However, there were no complete records of who took Naps on a regular basis. The official said: "This was a hurry-up operation. We wanted to get the forces out there. fight the war and get home again and many of the medical records have not been recovered. We have taken steps to improve the procedure for our troops now serving in

He said that the vaccinations were given to protect the troops from botulism, anthrax and other potential biological attacks. We knew that Saddam Hussein had used nerve gas against his own people and it would have been unconscionable for us not to have provided protection for our troops."

Thousands of other cases of illnesses suffered by American troops have been registered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The department set up Persian Gulf register with 54,000 names of veterans who came forward with complaints, only 13 per cent (about 7,000) of which were healthrelated. Many have reported illnesses for which at present there is no medical



#### Hospital and who will take gon said yesterday: "We don't Harry and Alison Hurst with Harry Jr, who was born with a third ear Questions and suspicions in long search for the truth

What is Gulf War syndrome? So far, 700 Gulf War veterans have complained of a range of illnesses including aching joints, loss of memory dizziness headaches, skin complaints, depression and chronic fatigue. More serious illnesses include kidney failure and motor neurone disease. All have been included by the veterans under the general name of the syndrome.

What is supposed to be the cause? First, veterans assumed that they had suffered from some form of chemical or biological attack in the var. There were several alarms of imminent attacks and a Czech unit

responsible for detecting chemical agents in the air was reported to have found traces of mustard gas and Sarin nerve agent, although it turned out to be high-octane missile fuel. The official line is that there was no evidence of any use of chemical or biological weapons by the Iraqis. Some veterans with illnesses were not in the areas subject to alerts. A second theory was that they had been affected by

pollution from oil wells burning.

Finally they blamed the "cocktail" of

injections and tablets they were

What was this cocktail? The full details are classified - one

of the complaints of the veterans but they were injected to counter anthrax, botulism and bubonic plague. The tablets are called nerve agent pre-treatment sets, or Naps. What are Naps?

Naps contain pyridostigmine bromide (PB), which protects neurotransmitters carrying messages to the brain. As the drug Mestinon, it has been licensed since 1955 for use in the treatment of a nerve condition, myasthenia gravis. Overdoses can lead to hausea, heart abnormal-

fatigue and involuntary muscle movements, leading ultimately to paralysis. There is no evidence that it can cause birth defects. All troops in the Gulf took the tablets every eight hours throughout their tour of duty. At the time of the Gulf War. the MoD had not obtained a licence for the use of PB in Britain.

What has the Ministry of Defence done about the syndrome claims? An appeal was made to all veterans claiming to be suffering from the syndrome, and an RAF physician, Wing Commander Bill Coker, began medical examinations in on researching the syndrome, and ities, agitation, excessive dreaming. October 1993. So far 350 have been some evidence suggests that side- as nine innoculations in one day.

examined. Although 14 per cent of those who came forward were "serious medical cases", he concluded that the range could not be classed under a single heading, nor could they be attributed directly to of injections and tablets to counter Gulf service. The MoD arranged for the Royal College of Physicians to carry out a medical audit of the first 100 cases examined by Wing Commander Coker. The college approved the MoD's medical checks. The ministry has kept in touch with the Pentagon in Washington. The

United States is spending £8 million

effects of nerve gas agents can be heightened by exposure to insect repellents and insecticides. Had the MoD conducted research into long-term effects of a cocktail

chemical agents and nerve gas? No. Studies by the MoD's chemical and biological defence establishment at Porton Down, Wilishire, concentrated on short-term sideeffects. There was no investigation into possible consequences of combining the tablets, injections and vaccines over a short period. Some soldiers said they received as many

### Veterans' children born with defects

By OUR DEFENCE

HARRY HURST was born month-old boy is one of about 60 bahies known to have been born with abnormalities whose fathers fought in the Gulf War. Harry Hurst senior, who served with an ambulance unit in the 1991 conflict, is also suffering from what is claimed to be Gulf War syndrome.

Mr Hurst, from Stocktonon-Tees, Cleveland, is convinced his son was poisoned in the womb by the same antinerve gas drugs he believes affected his own health. Harry s to have an operation in March to remove the growth on his right ear.

Mr Hurst, who works as a driver for a plastics company, welcomed the announcement inquiry into the birth defects of children born to Gulf War veterans and the further studies into Gulf War syndrome.

He said: "I don't think there is any doubt that there is a Gulf War syndrome. I have aching limbs and I forget things easily and I have a bad chest permanently, which I never had before."

He added: "Harry's growth is a third of the size of a normal ear and is in front of the proper ear."

His wife Alison, 27, said: 'Harry hasn't been the same since he came back from the conflict. When little Harry was born we became convinced something was seriously wrong.

In another case. Sarah Whitehead, 30, from Shanklin on the Isle of Wight, gave birth to a baby boy with muscles missing from his left shoulder and arm. Ben. 2. was also born with webbed fingers. although surgeons have since rectified the condition.

Mrs Whitehead'a former husband. Paul, served in the Gulf War as a corporal in the Royal Engineers. She lears that more defects may emerge as Ben grows: before Christmas, doctors discovered that one of his heart valves

### **Test-case** soldier must wait

JUDGMENT was reserved in the Court of Appeal yesterday over a soldier's claim that a howitzer blast permanently damaged his hearing. Richard Mulcahy, 31, a former artilleryman and Gulf War veterof Mixenden. West Yorkshire, is suing the Ministry of Defence, alleging negligence by the sergeant who ordered the gun to be fired.
The Ministry of Defence

says that public policy and the efficiency of the Armed Forces demand that the case be struck out to prevent combat-effectiveness being icopardised by fears of compensation claims.

Lord Justice Neill, sitting with Lords Justices McCowan and Glidewell, said the case raised "very important points" and reserved their decision with no date set.

### Seaweed bacterium could lead to drug breakthrough

By Gillian Bowditch, scotland correspondent

SCIENTISTS believe that an organism found growing on seaweed on a Scottish beach could destroy the antibioticresistant bacterium MRSA, which can be fatal and is becoming more common. The new organism, a bacte-

rium, was discovered on seaweed in North Berwick. East Lothian, by scientists at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. Professor Brian Austin, of the department of biological sciences, is optimistic that an antibiotic could be produced from the organism that would kill MRSA, or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus.

MRSA is a common bacterium carried in the nose and skin of about 30 per cent of the population, but can prove deadly if it enters the blood- their antibiotics from moulds

stream. A recent Panorama programme suggested that 50 people a year die of MRSA. which has developed a resistance to most antibiotics.

In recent months a number of hospital wards throughout Britain have closed because of outbreaks of infection caused by MRSA. The only antibiotic that can combat it vancomycin, is expensive and there are fears that MRSA may soon become resistant to

The newly discovered bacterium, as yet unnamed, produces a compound that destroys MRSA. Professor Austin said that experiments had shown its effectiveness.

He believes that pharmaceutical companies, which have traditionally sourced

sea for the next generation of the drugs. The research on the new organism was begun in the mid-1980s and Professor Austin has not yet found a commercial partner to develop his work. He is cautiously optimistic that his discovery will lead to a useful drug, but says it will take millions of pounds and at least a decade before it is available.

"We have been working on the project periodically since about 1980 but we dusted it down again recently because of the growing interest in MRSA and other bacteria which are less responsive to traditional antibiotics," he says. "I believe that marine biotechnology is the way forward for the development of future antibiotics."

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### Doctors caught in a legal minefield

THIS is one of the times of the year when doctors may seem is attentive as they are worried. They have just received their latest copy of the Journal of the Medical Defence Linion. The union provides professional advice, and legal cover, if a doctor is sued by an aggrieved patient. The union jurnal always makes anxious reading and inspires that sceling of "there but for the grace of God go I" in all but the most confident.

In one quarter last year the union settled the five largest claims for nearly El million as

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well as a host of smaller ones.

One of the lesser cases involved the misdiagnosis of chest pain. Chest pain is a problem that is confronted in most surgeries, for patients are concerned in case they have heart disease, but a survey carried out at a diagnostic centre some years ago

mon cause was pain from an irritated nerve near the spine. The patient whose case was cited in the union journal was sent to a consultant physician who carried out routine tests, which demonstrated that the pain was indeed coming from his back. The patient's spine was osteoporotic — men too, HOUSE INSURANCE

get osteoporosis — but several of his vertebrae had collapsed. Unfortunately, the doctor did not sufficiently heed the blood results, for although they gave some rethe prostate unlikely — the consultant physician had thought of this — they did show an elevated ESR, the test which is abnormal in many cases of malignancy and inflammatory disease. The physician also, in the opinion of the lawyers, did

not pay sufficient regard to

the radiologist's suggestion

that, as well a collapsed

vertebrae, one of the patient's

showed that a far more com-

tumour from the prostate. Prostatic cancer quite fre-quently spreads to the bones. The case was seen by the

little suspicious. The suspi-

physician before the prostatic specific antigen test was a routine measure. That test has made the diagnosis of prostate cancer easier. As well as illustrating the importance of an elevated ESR, the union's case history also demon-strates the lack of early urinary tract symptoms, all local signs. The consultant had examined the prostate and thought it healthy. Cancer of the prostate is the

most common cause of death from cancer in men. An increasingly ageing population is vulnerable even without the added risks of 20thcentury life - earlier sex. many sexual partners and a fat-rich diet. Male patients who develop sudden back pain and have any urinary tract symptoms should see their doctor, who, mindful of the union's report. will arrange X-rays and blood tests.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



### Travelling public barred from InterCity 'ghost trains'



Short: told by staff that

A HANDFUL of passengers are being heavily subsidised to travel on almost empty InterCity trains to London Waterloo. They can travel on the "ghost trains" for as little as £20 from Edinburgh or £10 from Birmingham, far cheaper than the lowest British Rail fare.

However, the tickets to London can be bought only as a package with bookings on the Eurostar service to Paris or Brussels and are not available for travel solely within Britain. Domestic passengers are forbidden to board the special

lors will recall that as they

Vice-chancellors are threat-

consider their future policy."

ening to introduce the signing-on fee from autumn 1997. They

would shelve it if the Govern-

ment cancelled the cuts to next

Goldstein: considering

Parties plot similar course

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

nounced in the Budget that prompted proposals for the

levy, but the Government may bring forward a Green Paper holding out the prospect of

The Student Loans Bill,

currently going through Par-

liament, gives no hint of a

move to the sort of system the

universities advocate. But the

Government's higher educa-

tion review, under way for

more than a year, will take a

The Conservative National

Policy Group on Higher Edu-

cation has said a voucher

scheme should be included in

the election manifesto. The

longer-term view of funding.

new sources of revenue.

only one person to a carriage. an Passenger Services (EPS), the British Rail-owned company that operates Eurostar, was forced to lay on the trains last

summer because of technical problems that delayed the start of direct Eurostar services to the regions. These will not now begin before this nuner at the earliest. Meanwhile, an InterCity 125 die-

sel train runs each way once a day between Edinburgh and Waterloo and Manchester and Waterloo. The service, which enjoyed one of its few busy days when England played France at rugby in Paris earlier this

month, has had minimal publicity. Clare Short, Shadow Transport Secretary, said it was "bizaire" that a nearly empty train could not pick up other passengers. "I found out about the service when I inquired about using the wonderful Eurostar to go to Paris. As it turned out, the timing from [Birmingham] New Street didn't suit me. But staff told me the train had carried nobody or

frequently just one person." A spokesman for EPS said the train was forbidden from carrying domestic passengers under the terms of its operating licence and admitted that "there are times when it is not as busy as we hoped it

would be". There was no point in marketing it, he said, because it would be replaced by the far superior Eurostar direct service to the regions within months. It is planned to carry thousands of passengers on up to five Eurostar trains a day: the journey time between Edinburgh and Paris will be 81 hours and 54 hours between Paris and Manchester.

EPS, which will require a total of £200 million support from the Government in the present financial year, declined to estimate the cost of running the stop-gap InterCity service. However, rail experts said it was likely to have been granted

trains and track access charges because it is obliged to run the services under the terms of the Channel Tunnel Act.

The first privatised rail service. operated by the bus company Stagecoach, which is now running South West Trains, will leave Twickenham in southwest London for Waterloo at 5.10am on Sunday.

A few minutes later, the other two lines that have been sold - Great Western and LTS (London Tilbury and Southend) Rail - will start their services, the Cardiff to London InterCity and the Shoeburyness. Essex, to Fenchurch Street.



Three protesters caused about El million damage to a Hawk jet trainer after breaking into a British Aerospace military aircraft factory. Lytham magistrates were told. Joanna Wilson, 32, and Andrea Needham, 30, both of Northwood, Merseyside, and Engla Kronlid, 27, of Oxford, were charged with damage and entering the factory at Warton, Lancashire, with intent to cause damage. The women. who were protesting about the sale of jets to the Indonesian Government, which is occupying East Timor, were remand-

#### Mother's hope

The mother of Louise Smith, the teenager missing since Christmas Day, said she had not given up hope that she might be alive. Miss Smith, 18. was last seen leaving a nightclub in Yate, near Bristol.

#### Act of pollution

Philip Jackson, whose mill stream in Somerton. Somerset, was poisoned by mercury last summer, dumped contaminated mud outside the county council offices to protest about clean-up delays.

#### Eagle owl alert

Cat and dog owners in Essex have been told to keep pets indoors after an eagle owl with a 5ft wingspan escaped from a house in Canvey Island. A police spokesman said: "He will be looking for lunch."

#### McVicar bailed

John McVicar, a 1960s bank robber who was once Britain's most wanted fugitive, was given bail by South Western magistrates, London, accused of causing a neighbour in Battersea actual bodily harm.

#### Bug mystery

An investigation has failed to establish how a bug entered the public water supply in south Devon and made hundreds of people ill last summer. A Report found no explanation for the outbreak.

### Llama alarmer

A farmer has bought a llama to protect his sheep from dogs and wild animals. Rob Hyden, who lost 25 sheep last year at his farm in Bucks Green. West Sussex, said the liama was capable of killing a fox.

The local government ombudsman has ordered Mid Suffolk council to pay a tenant £50 after it told social services in a

Council censured

mile trip via Athens. Heathrow and Manchester and I don't mind. He's worth the had no friends and screeds of paperwork. Sooti every penny." YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

### Breakaway threat over university entrance fee

By David Charter and Nicholas Wood

A PROPOSAL to charge ununiversities to introduce top-up fees. They cannot complain dergraduates a £300 signing-on fee prompted a furious about how they have been treated by the Government. dispute yesterday between vice-chancellors and raised the prospect of a breakaway Between 1989-90 and 1994-95 university funding rose by 23 per cent over and above infla-tion. I hope the vice-chancelby elite universities.

The Prime Minister urged vice-chancellors to abandon their plan, but indicated that the Government was powerless to intervene.

Supporters of the plan said that some of the most prestiglous universities would break ranks and charge students up to £1,000 unless vicechancellors agreed to the flatrate entry fee at an emergency

meeting on Friday.

Opponents said it could discourage up to 10 per cent of would-be entrants. Several former polytechnics said they would not introduce the fee even if the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals passed the proposal. Scottish and Welsh universities, which have escaped the 31 per cent cut in capital spending imposed on English universities by the Treasury for 1996-97, also expressed reluctance to

John Major told the Com-

THE three main political parties all see some form of

student contribution as the only way to ensure the finan-

cial health of universities. But

such is their nervousness

about the middle-class vote

that none has been prepared

If it does nothing else, the vice-chancellors' initiative

may force the politicians out

Eric Forth, the Higher Edu-

cation Minister, has aiready

met the vice-chancellors in an

attempt to persuade them that

their long-term concerns are

being addressed. There is no

going back on the cuts an-

into the open.

year's budget and agreed to overhaul the funding system, linking student contributions with a more flexible loans

Professor Gareth Roberts, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said top research institutions were already considering their own levy on new under-graduates. "Doing nothing at all could mean some of the bigger universities would come in with more substantial fees," Professor Roberts, Vice-Chancellor at Sheffield University, said. "It is a way of

sending a message to the world that our quality is being Dr Michael Goldstein, director at Coventry, said: "If the Government does not do anything then I will have to take the recommendation of a registration fee to my governing body. It would be done with incredible reluctance but I do not want to see higher educa-

tion go to the wall." Sir Derek Roberts, provost of University College London. has proposed a £1,000-a-year tuition fee once a reformed student loan scheme is in

The Labour MP Jeff Rooker was sacked as higher

education spokesman in 1993

when he backed student fees.

But policy proposals due this

year are expected to favour

the loan scheme pioneered in

Australia, with students, em-

ployers and the State paying

The Liberal Democrat poli-

cy committee has approved a

statement leaving open the possibility of top-up fees with

ome-contingent loans.

into a "learning bank".

Teesside, Tharnes Valley and the University of East London yesterday refused to back the entrance fee. Sir Derek Fraser, Vice-Chancellor of Teesside,

be debated by the academic

Vice-chancellors at Luton,

board next month.

said: "We think it quite unreasonable to expect students who are already hard-pressed, and their families, to put their hand in their pockets for £300. This could just tip the balance. There could easily be a 10 per cent drop in student numbers on the basis of top-up fees." Sir Graeme Davies, princi-

pal at Glasgow and former chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council, said: "Our argument is with the Government, not with our students. Clearly there are certain steps we should take to apply pressure to the Government but I do not feel it is appropriate to export our community.

Others said, however, that students should help to offset the budget cuts. Leslie Wagner. Vice-Chancellor at Leeds Metropolitan. said: "We should call it a deficit funding fee and we ought to tell the Government we will continue it until they change the funding system. Students are going to have to make a contribution and we should start that

Green Paper may give a strict for who hopping fees will veter of options, including tuition for the mass a latter sort, such fees backed by income conting that the Berling Transcriberty gent loans repaid over a David Melville of Middleser, longer period than at present. The college chiefs are uni-

ted, however, in their desire for an overhaul of university funding and a half to capital cuts and their described ave the Government of the Labour Party draw up plans for a viable system. The head of a 12,000 student civic university, facing cuts this year of at genuinely at our wit's end as to what we can do to make the Government take notice."



By A Staff Reporter

A BUILDING society clerk n South Yorkshire spent to bring a stray dog to in after she found it on a

holiday when Sooti, a mongrel, wandered up while she friends at a restaurant on the island of Kos. She said: "This scruffy dog was wandering between the tables looking for scraps. He was starving

filthy and covered in ties. The other, diners were shoo

saying I'm crazy but I just couldn't just leave him, on that beach." Greek Animal Rescue to fly it to England. After a 2,000-

Kennels at Wakefield where it spent six months in quararfine. It has now settled at her working overtime to pay off

She said: "It cost £1,860 for the quarantine, £150 in telebome for the dog in Greece, phone calls to Greece £100 garden fenced and a kennel made and £50 in petrol to run over to the kennels to see him.

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### Clean-up of derelict land 'will lift nation's health'

By NICK NUTTALL AND IAN MURRAY

A El MILLION campaign to reclaim 270 square miles of derelict land was latinched yesterday, with a psychologist claiming that the sites were already costing Britain mil-lions of pounds through illhealth alone.

Speaking at the London launch of the government-supported Barclay SiteSavers, Dr David Lewis said that people living near sites were more likely to suffer from depression and ill-health through feelings of worthlessness. Those increased as the neglected land became the target of fly tippers, drunks and drug pushers.

With no adequate recreational facilities, youngsters tended to drift into crime and vandalism. Giving people the means and the responsibility to turn eyesores into attractive open spaces created a community spirit and a pride "to fight back against the derelic-tion of run-down Britain", he

The three year urban regen-eration scheme is backed by the Department of the Environment and environmental A 53 million reclamation project in the West Mid-lands won an award for planning achievement yesterday. Sheepwash Urban Park in Sandwell was praised by the Royal Town Planning Institute for help-ing to "take the black out of the Black Country". Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council won the institute's Silver Jubilee Cup for the project, which has provided a river walk, meadow areas and woodland from an area flooded with contami nated pools.

groups including Ground-work the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the Wildlife Trusts and the Scottish Conservation Projects. It is inviting bids from local communities to transform 66 neglected areas into green spaces and leisure facilities. Although the initial amount

of money is relatively small, the scheme has already attracted extra finance, while most of the manpower will be

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provided by volunteers. The consequences of leaving land derelict were highlighted by a MORI poll conducted among 2.041 people over the age 15 for Barclays, the project's sponsors, to analyse perceptions of

local communities.
It found that only 42 per cent felt a sense of belonging in their local area. Among people under 24, the figure was 23 per cent. Dr Lewis, a chartered psychologist, said that apathy in such areas resulted in a "cycle of personal and com-munity failure".

Breaking this cycle through community involvement could generate a feeling of collective overlethin. There is no doubt that dereact land is having a significant impact. People acquire this notion of learnt helplessness. No matter what they do it will make no difference to their lives, so they feel like failures and just give up," said Dr Lewis, formerly Sussex University.

He said there was good evidence linking derelict areas with ill-health. One study found that patients who had undergone major surgery re-covered faster looking out on green landscapes. Another study took people who had been artificially stressed and then showed them images of the countryside, a pedestrianised street and a bleak city scape. Those who were shown the countryside relaxed more

Britain's total of derelict land is equal to an 200 times the City of London. Professor John Handley, of the Univer-sity of Manchester, estimated that at present improvement rates it would take 200 years to

### Bell ringing heralds neighbourly dispute

By BILL FROST

ENVIRONMENTAL health inspectors have been asked to investigate an increasingly acrimonious row between bellringers at a Kent church and parishioners who say they are suffering noise politinon.

Peals have rung out from All Saints in Maidstone for 600 years. Local people are objecting to what they describe as the "unholy racket".

The Rev Chris Morgan-Jones, the vicar of All Saints, admitted yesterday that his bell-ringers would sometimes practise for 3½ hours at a time. However, discordant peals were seldom heard.

"Suddenly it seems the bells are upsetting some local people who live more than 500 yards away," he said. "I live about the same distance from the church and it does not disturb me at all. We have done everything we can to quieten the bells, including sound proofing the lower, but some people are not satisfied with the works carried out so

Maidstone Borough Coun-cil is to send in the inspectors. to monitor the volume and frequency of the alleged nui-sance. They have the power to silence the ten bells.

In an attempt to mollify the critics Mr Morgan-Jones has cut the number of visiting campanologists. They have been restricted to one Saturday a month and one evening a week. These visiting bands are keen to do full peals, which means they ring the bells in every possible combination: 5.040 rings, which takes 312



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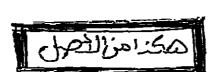
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### Scargill dashes Labour hopes of effortless victory

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

Hemsworth tomorrow should have been effortless for the efficient new Labour Party.

The West Yorkshire constituency, with its derelict pits, boarded-up shops, unemployment, crack problems and long memories, could never bring itself to vote Tory. The Liberal Democrats are for more than 29,000 people, from ex-miners to bank managers, voted Labour.

But new Labour reckoned without the return of Arthur Scargill and his new Socialist Labour Party. Mr Scargill may not have the mobile telephones or the slick suits. but he knows that the North has been sold out to those namby southerners. He is determined that this election will prove he can supplant Tony Blair in the hearts and minds of the working class.

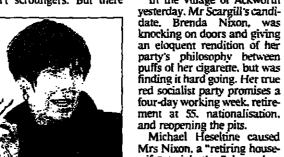
New Labour is equally convinced that it must crush Mr Scargill now on his home territory if it is to be free of him before the general election. As a result, more than 70 MPs and Labour spin-doctors have been driving through the snow from London. Tony Blair and his colleagues have climbed slag heaps, visited enterprise zones, patted stray dogs and attacked Mr Scargill with a ferocity that might alarm even Baroness

John Prescott, who was up

WINNING the by-election in for his fourth visit yesterday to aren't any jobs. Labour seems boost the Labour candidate. John Tricken, a veteran of Leeds City Council, managed a particularly grim sneer at

the mention of Mr Scargill. The deputy Labour leader spent his time away from the slanging match in Westminster on a visit to Havercroft Skills Centre. His charm paid off. In this village, on average only three people in each cul de sac have jobs.

Mr Prescott told the accountancy class that his cookery diploma had set him up for life, and he could now make perfect choux pastry. He joked with the advanced flower arranging class and tested the Spanish class's vocabulary. Geoffrey Manifield, the centre's organiser and and ex-miner, said: "People here aren't scroungers. But there



Nixon: pushing new party's philosophy

to have a new will and energy to tackle these problems. Arthur once did us proud, but he sold us out and Blair is our new hope." Barnsley Road in South Kirkby houses both Labour

parties in derelict shops with only the Studio One hair salon to separate them. The hairdresser has been persuaded to change sides so many times that she is now refusing to vote. While Mr Scargill was out on the red campaign bus yesterday, an American socialist with an orange beard was demanding to see report-ers' union cards and muttering about right-wing media scum. "This is Jurassic Park. man, it's dinosaur land here. People have long memories." he said. In the village of Ackworth

yesterday. Mr Scargill's candidate. Brenda Nixon, was knocking on doors and giving an eloquent rendition of her party's philosophy between puffs of her cigarette, but was finding it hard going. Her true red socialist party promises a four-day working week, retirement at 55, nationalisation,

wife", to join the fight against pit closures in the early 1990s. She repeats Mr Scargill's mantra that Mr Blair is like a rave vicar who takes over the parish and starts recommend-

By James Landale

POLITICAL REPORTER



ing devil worship. "Don't let Arthur see me talking to you." Mrs Nixon said. Mr Scargill. rounding the corner, made it clear that he was doing so well

he did not need publicity. Lynn Bramwell, 29, said she would vote for them. "My father was a miner, my busband's been unemployed for six years, and new Labour sicken me with the way they dump us in dustbin schools. but send their own to toffs'

The Tories, thrilled by the sight of bullying autocratic old

Labour slugging it out with smooth-faced Mr Blair, have does as badly as Screaming retired to a country house. Here Norman Hazell, the only genuine local candidate, uses the telephone to explain that he is an avid gardener. Even the UK independence Party is making more effort with a more about history." leaflet saying: "We must re-establish the sanctity of hu-

This is one by-election victory new Labour might want

#### Lord Sutch the Scargillistas will be written off. But Mr Scargill said: They were the same words used against Keir Hardie, one of the founding fathers of the Labour Party. Mr Blair should learn a bit

to forget.

Derek Enright (Lab) 29,942, Garnet Harrison (C) 7.867. Valerie Megson (Lib Dem) 4,459. Majority 22,075.

### The Commons is in danger of losing its ballast

Ps should be paid much more. That has been true for a long time, but few MPs have said so publicly for fear of a hostile public reaction. But this reticence has now evaporated; last night, more than 230 MPs of all parties signed an early day motion sponsored by the good and the great of the Commons (Sir Terence Higgins, Alf Morris, Sir David Steel and leading Nationalists and Ulster Unionists), proposing that MPs' and ministers' pay should be referred to the Nolan committee, with a request for recommendations by the end of April.

Pay was the missing piece in the original Nolan inqui-ry. It was seen as outside the committee's terms of reference, a view shared by the Prime Minister. However. the Nolan report and the agonised subsequent de-bates have fuelled demands for pay to be re-examined. This is partly because many. mostly Tory. MPs face a loss of earnings as a result of the new rules restricting their outside interests and requiring greater disclosure of

In addition, 52 Tory MPs have said they will stand down at the next election. This is only slightly more than in the past and can be explained as much by the upheavals caused by boundary changes and the reluctance of some senior Tories to serve during a possible period of opposition as by the impact of Nolan itself. But these changes have focused attention on the problem of recruiting high quality MPs. Average real incomes have risen by more than four fifths since the mid-1960s. but the pay of a backbencher has been unchanged in real terms (despite a rise in allowances), while the real pay of ministers has fallen

by more than half. Several MPs aged under 60 have also decided to stand down and pursue careers in business, including Richard Needham and Steve Norris. They were followed yester-day by Tim Eggar, the Industry and Energy Minister, who is only 44. Mr Eggar is unusual in that he became

an MP young, nearly 17 years ago, and he has been a minister for more than a decade, without making the Cabinet. He has been thinking about a switch for some time and is young enough to have another full-time career. He says pay and Nolan were not crucial factors. His departure marks a further drop in the already depleted band of pro-Europeans.

Mr Eggar's decision is in many ways sensible, both for him personally and generally. It is undesirable for more than a handful of people to spend all their lives in fulltime politics. His departure in his mid-40s for business is the mirror image of the welcome attempt by the parties to recruit more business people in their mid-40s to become candidates. More interchange is good, up to a point. The worry is that the balance is wrong. Too many good ex-ministers are retiring from the Commons at the election after they have left office rather than remaining as senior backbenchers. The Commons is in danger of losing its ballast of common sense and experience. Pay, currently £34,000 a year, is only one factor. But it is more important now after the Nolan changes.

The latest motion is intended to force the party leaders to commit themselves publicly. The issue will only be resolved if the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition accepting the recommendations of Nolan or the top salaries' review body -- and push it through together, whatever the populists on left and right say. It is a mark of how the Commons cannot resolve its own affairs that, despite last year's fuss. MPs are again willing to bring in Nolan as a neutral adviser. The signs last night were that the motion will not be ignored and may help to end the deadlock on pay.

PETER RIDDELL

### Plea on women MPs

TESSA JOWELL calls today for new laws to ensure that political parties can apply positive discrimination to get more women into Parliament. Ms Jowell. Labour spokeswoman for women's issues. fears that the policy of seeking equal representation in Parlia-

ment within ten years will be jeopardised by the industrial tribunal ruling against women-only shortlists. Writing in The Times, she suggests

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions it entireatment ministers and the Prime Musiter followed by debates on record of privatised water companies; cus in overteed aid. Police Grant Report (England and Wates); Soutish film Industry. In the Lords, debates on Social Security (Persons From Abroad) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations; the Chemical

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TONY BLAIR demanded tough regulations for the privatised water industry yesterday and accused company bosses of "fleecing" customers with huge price rises.

The Labour leader said that the Government had failed to protect the public from a 40 per cent price rise since the industry's sell-off five years ago. At Question Time. Mr Blair asked John Major

British people at the conduct of the privatised water comparties. While prices and profits were rising, investment was falling, he said.

"Why do you defend each and every action of these water companies rather than standing up for the customers who are being fleeced? The Prime Minister argued

that £15 billion had been invested in the water industry since privatisation. He also claimed that Labour frontbenchers were benefiting from

the profits. The RMT union. which sponsors John Prescott and Frank Dobson, has invested in Thames Water and

Earlier Mr Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, released figures showing that water customers were paying for a £294 million rise in delivery costs, up 13 per cent since 1991-2. The major rea-son for this increased cost is that creamed-off dividends to the water companies parent groups have increased by 36 per cent - £458 million - and

other privatised utilities.

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Mr Scargill says he will

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fledgeling party as a triumph.

Labour is adamant that if he

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Water industry 'fleecing customers'

customers," he said. Later in a debate on the

water industry, Labour said company bosses had used their monopoly position to drive up prices, profits and pay and perks for directors while cutting investment and

wasting water.
Earlier yesterday South
West Water denied that its
managing director, Bill
Fraser, 58, was leaving his £217.000-a-year job because of public criticism of the compa-

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### EU tries to rescue single currency with pact on jobs

EFFORTS by Germany and France yesterday to inject life into their flagging economies will be followed today with a proposal for a pan-European confidence pact", a scheme by the European Commission to combat fear that monetary union will put more people out

The plan, to be announced to the European Parliament hy Jacques Santer, the Commission President, is expected to propose tax incentives. spending on public works and pacts among governments. employers and unions on the German model.

Timed to show determination with France and Germany, the scheme is aimed at countering the pessimism that has spread through Europe in recent weeks, slowing down consumption and putting pressure on the time-table for the launch of the single currency in 1999.

The German Cabinet approved an action programme vesterday to stimulate jobs and growth. Günter Rexrodt, the Economics Minister, said the "vitamin dose" for the economy would enable the Germans to meet the targets for EMU. France, which is thought highly unlikely to meet the strict EMU criteria. followed with a far milder package of measures to spur spending and the commercial

property market. In a shift in emphasis, German and other continental leaders have begun talking less of curbing deficits and more of tackling the notion that the EU is doomed to suffer a permanent agony of high unemployment More than IS million people are now jobless. Some are looking beyond the squabble over the EMU timetable to wonder how Europe can avert the social crisis that would arise from losing the trading com-petition with Asia and the Americas. No government or experts have managed to explain how continental Europe can keep its generous welfare systems and compete with the outside world.

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consensus among the "social

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proach that Britain shunned when it opted out of the social

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chapter at Maastricht.

Mr Santer's plan is likely to

João de Deus Pinheiro. Commissioner for Develop-ment, brandished images from Orwell's 1984 yesterday to depict a possible future of misery. We are running the risk of reaching the third millennium with an 'Orwellian' situation of having 'alphas' and 'betas', a society

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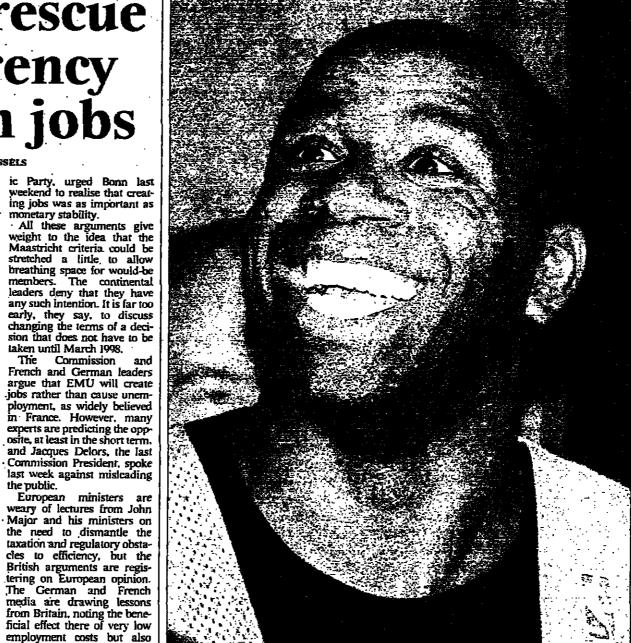
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divided between those who have and those who do not

Italy, which holds the EU presidency, has made unemployment its top priority and most states want an employment chapter to be written into the revamped Maastricht treaty, to be negotiated over the. next 18 months.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister of Euro-enthusiastic Belgium, changed tune this week and spoke about the danger that the race to meet the Maastricht limits on public deficits could lead to "competitive deflation". Oskar Lafontaine, leader of

the German Social Democrat-



A delighted Earvin "Magic" Johnson announcing he is returning to professional basketball with the Los Angeles Lakers this week, despite being HIV-positive

### Basketball giant returns from battle with HIV

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

FOUR-and-a-half years after announcing he was HIVpositive, Earvin "Magic" Johnson returned to professional basketball last night, saying he was "not worried about critics" who fear that the deadly virus might be transmitted in a game.

Supported by Aids experts who say such fears are un-founded, the towering showman who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five national titles in the 1980s signed a \$2.5 million

maining tickets to his comeback game within five hours. The popular player announced a comeback in 1992. but cancelled it after the team doctor was criticised for treatadmitted they might think twice about tackling him. This time most of the 300 lanky millionaires who make up the National Basketball

Association, many of whom were teenagers who wor-"Magic" in his heyday, have welcomed him back. One young defender for the Indiana Pacers told The New York Times that any objections Johnson might hear would be from people who "haven't had their HIV education".

Sport has become a focus of Aids-related education since Johnson's retirement announcement and the admission by Greg Louganis, the Olympic diver, that he had allowed a doctor to treat a wound without disclosing he

was HIV-positive. Basketball players nowa-

patients emphasising that the virus is transmitted almost exclusively by sexual contact and intravenous drug use. Team doctors follow a policy of "universal precaution" based on the assumption that

Vernon Maxwell, who plays for the Philadelphia 76'ers, is still not convinced. You get scratched on your hand and then he might get an open wound." he told the Los Angeles Times when rumours of the comeback began circulating last week. "I don't want to be there with that."

The usually good-natured Johnson shot back that Maxwell "has never cared about anyone but himself anyway" Ticket sales for the Lakers

are booming and Friday's game against the Chicago Bulls is being touted as the sporting event of the year.

### **Police 'showing** du Pont favours'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

A LEADING lawyer has been hired 10 lead the defence "dream team" of John du Pont, the eccentric multimillionaire murder suspect who was arrested after a police siege at his mansion. Mr du Pont, an heir to the

du Pont pharmaceuticals fortune, has engaged Richard Sprague, a former Philadel-phia district attorney. With echoes of the O.J. Simpson case, Mr Sprague is expected to recruit a number of legal hot shots to assist him in the defence of Mr du Pont. Just as Mr Simpson's wealth allowed him to acquire the best advice, so Mr du Pont's \$50 million (£32 million) fortune may enable him to explore every avenue of legal procedure. Listeners to a radio talk

show in Mr du Pont's home state of Delaware have complained that his treatment so far has already been affected by his wealth. "People called in to say there is one law for the rich, another for the poor," said Allan Loudell, programme manager for Radio WILM. "His treatment during the siege was complicated by his 20-year relationship with the police, but there is certainly a feeling of aristocracy

versus the rest of us."

Mr du Pont, a great great grandson of the 18th century gunpowder entrepreneur Eleuthere du Pont, has been charged with shooting dead Dave Schultz, an Olympic wrestler who lived on the 800acre du Pont estate in Pennsylvania. During a 48-hour stand-off, police allowed the heavily armed Mr du Pont to take a night's sleep, having promised that they would not try to arrest him as he rested. They also gave him a telephone wake-up call the next morning. "That is certainly a new one to me," said Mr Loudell. Some callers to WILM speculated that had Mr du Pont not been a millionaire he would have been blown to smithereens by

a police SWAT team. Others argued that his past benefactions and his support for the police justified a sensi-

denied that favouritism was

being shown. It was simply

"circumstances", he said.

There was even a special reception for Mr du Pont when he arrived at Delaware County Jail, although it was one he could have done without. As he was led down a corridor, inmates chanted "Du Pont! Du Pont! Du Pont!", some beating their fists against their cell doors in acclaim. On account of the clamour, Mr du Pont, who claims to hear voices and be troubled by noises, was taken to an isolation unit. Patrick Meehan, the district attorney,

NEWS IN BRIEF Boy of 12

jailed for murder Washington: A boy aged 12 became the youngest inmate at a high-security

jail in America yesterday after he and a 13-year-old friend were convicted of murdering a boy of five (Tom Rhodes writes).
The two dangled and then dropped five-year-old Eric Morse to his death from the fourteenth floor of a building. Then aged ten and II, the two became the first juveniles tried under a

#### Bosnia chooses new leader

passed largely in response

to their case — allowing the jail age to be lowered.

Sarajevo: Haris Silajdzic, who has been increasingly isolated from the ruling Democratic Rights Party. has been replaced as Bosnian Prime Minister by Hasan Muratovic, former UN Relations Minister.

### Royalist march

Sydney: About 10,000 Australian monarchists marched here in a farewell to Sir Peter Sinclair, the outgoing Governor of New South Wales, and to pro-test over the downgrading of his post. (Reuter)

#### Dhaka alert

Security around the diplomatic enclave in Dhaka was tightened after shots were fired outside the official residence of Miriam McIntosh, the British Deputy High Commissioner. She was not hurt.

#### Miner killed

Johannesburg: A South African miner was killed and eight were missing after a rockburst 1.724 vards underground at a gold mine west of here, the Blyvooruitzicht Mining Company said. (Reuter)

### Rebel contact

Jakarta: Rebels in Indonesia's Irian Jaya province holding 13 hostages. including four Britons, resumed radio contact with the army after five days, demanding that it launch no attack. (Reuter)

### **Wolves hunted**

Tallinn: Licences are being issued for at least 300 of Estonia's population of about 800 wolves to be shot because the animals have been killing and maining sheep, cattle and domestic pets. (AP)

### Juppé's men vote to oust chief of news agency on scandal reports

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

GOVERNMENT moves to block the re-election of the chairman of Agence France-Presse (AFP) have provoked a. row over the independence of the international French news agency or lack of it. AFP is partly dependent on

government funds and five of the agency's 15 board members are representatives of the state or state-owned media.

The agency's current chairman, Lionel Fleury, allegedly incurred the wrath of Alain luppe, the Prime Minister. last year by providing detailed .

coverage of stories damaging to the Government, including claims that M Juppe had rented a city-owned flat at a fraction of the going rate while Deputy Mayor of Paris.

On Monday, all eight board members representing the national and regional press voted to reappoint M Fleury. but the five state representatives and two AFP staff members abstained, thus in effect scuppering his candidacy which required at least 12

votes to pass. On January 16, M Fleury

was given a severe dressing down by M Juppé, who accused him of showing insufficient discretion, as "required of an agency which is semidependent on the state," according to a report in the satirical weekly, Le Canard Enchainé.

The newspaper said M Juppé was particularly piqued by AFP's coverage of the housing scandal and last month's crippling strike by transport and public-sector workers, which badly dented his popularity.

#### (£1.6 million) contract on Monday to return as a reserve forward. Fans showed their approval by buying all re-

ing him for a cut without rubber gloves. Fellow athletes

### days attend lectures by Aids

### Faltering Dole urged to draft Powell as running mate

### FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON



Forbes: campaign has eroded Dole support

TEN thousand Alaskan Republicans dealt another blow to Robert Dole's faltering presidential campaign yesterday, relegating the 72-year-old Senate leader to third place in a statewide straw poll. Party elders are being forced to contemplate what The New York Times has dubbed "the

chaos scenario". This envisages Steve Forbes, the free-spending publishing tycoon, destroying Mr Dole's credibility by restricting him to hair's-breadth victories and occasional defeats in the approaching primaries while remaining a thoroughly implausible nominee himself.

None of the seven other Republican candidates has yet demonstrated any political sex appeal. It is too late for new entrants. A Newsweek poll shows 42 per cent of Republican voters want a better choice but their only chance of drafting a new face is if no existing candidate has acquired a majority of delegates before the Republicans' nominating convention in August.

The last time there was a "brokered" convention was in 1952 and the chances of a repeat in 1996 are very remote. As Mr Forbes erodes Mr Dole's support, President Clinton's aides are also reconsidering their earlier assumption that the senator would have the nomination wrapped up within weeks. The Republicans "face a fascinating dilem-

ma," Doug Sosnick, the White

House political director, told yesterday's Washington Post. Bob Dole may be too strong to remove, but not strong enough to prevail."

Another measure of Republican concern that the party will be lumped with a disas-trously weak nominee is the renewed talk in Washington about General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The retired general's mere appearance at a Republican fundraising dinner last week set tongues wagging, and many Republicans believe Mr Dole's only hope of defeating the Democratic incumbent this November is to persuade this hugely popular man to be his running mate. General

Powell insists he is not interested, but Jane's Foreign Report claims that Dole aides have been secretly offering him a deal under which he would not only be Mr Dole's Vice-President but also responsible for foreign and de-

fence policy. The Dole camp continues to insist Mr Forbes's bubble will soon burst, but that has not happened yet. On Monday, one poll showed Mr Forbes actually leading Mr Dole in New Hampshire, while the big Alaska straw poll gave the conservative commentator Pat Buchanan 33 per cent, Mr Forbes 31 per cent and Mr Dole just 17 per cent, despite endorsements from the state's top Republicans. Alan Keyes,

a black radio chat show host, came fourth with 10 per cent. pushing Phil Gramm, the Texas senator, into a dismal fifth place, with 9 per cent.

The results were heavily skewed by the fact that Mr Buchanan and Mr Forbes had campaigned in Alaska while Mr Dole only sent his wife, but the fact remains that barely one in six Republicans voted for their party's ostensi-

ble frontrunner. A spokesman for Mr Forbes said the results were "a message that people just are not real excited about Robert Dole.

"It is kind of hard to of lukewarm, shaky support."

motivate people to get out and vote for you when it is a kind

### New York's striking janitors out in cold



### By OUENTIN LETTS

AS a strike by New York caretakers is about to enter its fifth week, the matter catching most public attention is the size of the salary paid to their union leader, Gus Bevona, who is paid more than

\$412,000 (£273,000) a year. Mr Bevona, an 18-stone tough with a booming voice and short temper, has said that he earns every penny he is paid as president of the Manhattan branch of the Service Employees' Union. "I do not see this same curiosity about the huge amounts earned by the real estate barons in this dispute," he said. "I get

While his members are being paid \$7 a day in strike emergency money, Mr Beyona has continued to draw his daily wage of \$1,100-plus during the dispute. He called the strike on January 4 after a proposal by landlords to cut the starting pay of office cleaners, maintenance workers, lift operators and handymen, most of them immigrants. For the past four weeks, during dreadful weather, the workers have manned picket lines

outside the entrances to mid-Manhat-

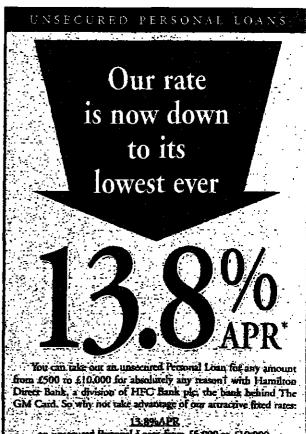
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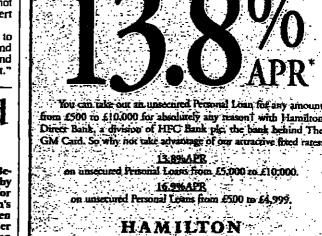
Mr Bevona, 55, has seldom joined them, preferring to supervise the increasingly ineffective strike from his marble-lined penthouse office on Sixth Avenue. He has run the union since 1981 and is known to brook little criticism. He reinforces his physical bulk (down by four stone from a few years ago) with verbal tirades at meetings and, when a union member protested about an increase in subscription rates in 1991, Mr Bevona hired a private detective to follow and investigate him.

Mr Bevona's absence from the picket lines and his failure to attend a workers' protest march on Monday have generaled grumbles among members who envy his \$860,000 Long Island home, his two powerboats and his restaurant-going routine. It has also been reported that Mr Bevona's brother John and wife Elaine are union employees, on \$94,000 and \$39,000 respectively, and the Village Voice magazine, normally supportive of trade unions, has noted that Mr Bevona's father was in 1983 identified by federal investigators as a footsoldier for the Gambinos, one of Manhattan's Mafia families. There have also been accusations that some officials under Mr Bevona have "sold" jobs: taking money from immigrants in exchange for a promise that they will be found steady work. There is no proof that Mr Bevona knew of such practices.

Mr Bevona's supporters say his tough-

ness pays off and point out that he has secured good deals in the past for his embers. However, the strike is going badly. Few other unions have taken notice of the picket lines and the building owners have hired temporary replacement workers at a lower rate, demonstrating that the market can take a lower wage than the present \$29,000. Some of the temporary workers have made rude faces through the glass at the frozen strikers outside and during the recent snows the picket lines have made bedraggled, pathetic sights.





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### Gulf shipping risk grows as Iran test-fires missile

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IRAN has tested a new missile posing a direct threat to oil shipping in the Gulf, an American naval commander disclosed yesterday.

The Iranians test-fired the Chinese-made C-802 anti-ship missile on January 6 and are adapting a "significant number" of patrol boats so they can launch the missiles, Vice-Admiral Scott Redd, commander of the US Fifth Fleet which is based in the region, said.

The missiles are radar-guided. have a range of 60 miles, fly low to avoid detection, and are a significant improvement on the Chinese Silkworm missiles Iran used in the mid-1980s. They were another dimension of the Iranian threat to shipping," Admiral Redd told reporters in Wash-

ington. "Yes we can handle it, suggesting a revival of that but the bottom line is, it's getting harder."

sort of operation.

President Clinton last year

imposed a unilateral trade

embargo against Iran, accus-

ing it of developing a nuclear

weapons programme, spon-

soring terrorism and threaten-

ing the Middle East peace

process. More recently Newt

Gingrich, the House Speaker.

obtained White House agree-ment for a \$20 million (£13

million) programme of covert

The Administration also ac-

knowledged yesterday that 12 American navy cargo ships

laden with tanks, armoured

vehicles and other military

hardware had been anchored

The New York Times report-

ed that the ships had been moved to the Gulf from their

normal base of Diego Garcia

in the Indian Ocean after

Pentagon analysts concluded that President Saddam Hus-

sein of Iraq could send five

armoured divisions into Ku-

wait at just 12 hours' notice.

The ships carry enough equipment for a full marine division and an army brigade.

but American officials denied

seeing an added threat from

Iraq in recent months. Gener-

al Stephen Rippe, the senior

US officer in Kuwait, called

the Iraqi threat credible. How-ever, he said the allies would

crush the Iraqi military for good if it attempted to repeat the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"If Saddam Hussein does

something that causes another

conflict to start in the Gulf, we

will ensure that when the

smoke settles he no longer has

the capability to threaten his neighbours." General Rippe

action against Iran.

near Bahrain.

Iran has not had such a missile in its arsenal since 1988 when the Americans sank an iranian frigate armed with Harpoon anti-ship missiles. In addition to the C-802, it has also bought two Soviet-made attack submarines and has built four sites near its Gulf coast for launching surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles.

In the 1980s America and its allies mounted a naval opera-tion to protect the Gulf's vital oil shipping lanes during the Iran-Iraq war. The Americans now have about 35 military vessels in the Gulf including an aircraft carrier battle group, but nobody is yet

### Surgeon accused in Ethiopian Jews' row

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE crisis surrounding Israel's minority black Jewish community deepened yesterday when the Government annouced legal proceedings against a leading heart surgeon who had said he would do everything to avoid operating on an Ethiopian Jew.

At the same time, a 24-hour bodyguard was given to Ephraim Sneh, the Health Minister, after death threats from militants over the destruction of Ethiopian Jews' blood donations.

Simmering discontent among the country's 60,000 Ethiopians, who claim racist discrimination, was increased when a leading surgeon, Danny Gur. told the daily Maariv. "I will have a very serious problem if an Ethiopian

patient comes to me for heart

surgery.
"The Health Ministry will have to assure me 100 per cent that he is free from Aids, and this is not at all simple. I will do everything in order to avoid the surgery. I have no suicidal tendencies. I am not a Japanese Kamikaze."

The remarks were later repeated on one of Israel television's leading discussion programmes, prompting the Health Ministry to announce legal proceedings against him. Mr Sneh. who earlier re-

ported that the blood of Ethiopian Jews was 50 times more likely to be infected with Aids than that of other Israelis. claimed the surgeon's stand contradicted the Hippocratic

### Fate of funds for tigers disputed

By Andrew Drummond AND LEYLA LINTON

BRITISH animal welfare were yesterday thrown into turmoil as leading "save the tiger" campaigners feuded over the fate of tens of thousands of pounds raised to sponsor tigers in Thailand. At the centre of the row is

Michael Day, founder of the Tiger Trust, a self-styled troubleshooter who has been accused by a British animal welfare charity of failing to account for thousands of pounds raised through appeals to the general public.

Chris Jordan, director of Care For The Wild International, says he has records to prove that his organisation handed £25,000 to the trust to be spent on tiger welfare. What is certain is that none

of the tigers named in the "Sponsor a Tiger in Thai-Sheba, Khan, Casper and Kira received any aid from the sponsorship, although leaflers produced by Care for the Wild promised that £10 of every EI5 would go directly to the animals.

An investigation by The Times shows that these tigers. whose real names are Top. Ten. Tess, Maliwan and Changtong, are in fact being cared for by both the Thai Government's Royal Forestry Department in a sanctuary known as Tiger Mountain I, 60 miles south-west of Bang-kok, and by a private businessman in a second sanctuary called Tiger Mountain 2 50 miles east of

Bangkok. A spokesman for the Royal Thai Forestry Department confirmed that no money has been received from the "Adopt a Tiger" project run by Care for the Wild.

"We will not let Saddam Mr Jordan said yesterday: "It has come to my attention that in spite of the £25,498.50 Hussein roll into Kuwait City again. The US would not sit still and allow Iraq to threaten given to Mr Day, we are not aware of any contributions



Michael Day, founder of the Tiger Trust, denies that money given to him was intended for the upkeep of rescued tigers at two sanctuaries in Thailand

given towards the welfare of hese tigers from this sum, or to tiger conservation in Thailand at all."

Mr Day said yesterday that he had received approximate-£23,000 from Care for the Wild, but that this money had never been intended to pay for the upkeep of the tigers. He added that the Tiger Trust formally terminated any involvement with Care for the Wild's tiger adoption programme in October 1995.

"I can assure you I am not the villain in all this. It was never our obligation to give money to tigers in Thailand. We are a field operating group. We rely on other groups to raise money for us and this money goes towards, among other things, investigative work in countries which illegally consume tiger bone. It is cloak and dagger, James Bond stuff."

Mr Day said he also spent some of the money on political lobbying for the conservation of tigers. He added: "We have got an anti-poaching operation in the Russian Far East it has been expensive, costing £250,000 over five years, but it has been a



Jordan: handed over

Greek troops on full alert

as island dispute escalates

air space and international

waters in the Aegean," a

Tansu Ciller, the Turkish

Prime Minister, accused Greece of staging a fait accom-

military official said.

Mr Day has threatened legal action against Mr Jordan, and Leonie Vejjajiva. Director of the Wild Animal Rescue Foundation in Bangkok, who first said that money from the sponsorship was not reaching Thailand. Mr Day said: "Our ac-

counts are on public record. Everything is recorded."

Mr Day, who runs the Tiger Trust from Chevington, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, achieved some success several years ago in helping to expose the trade in tiger parts to Taiwan. He built the enclosure for Tiger Mountain 1 which he said was the limit of his responsibility for the project. He has also paid for some food refrigeration equipment.
Mr Jordan said that the

sponsorship campaign was

derous applause from partia-

ment's 300 deputies yesterday

when he said the Greek flag

would continue to fly on Imia. Earlier, Mrs Ciller vowed her country would not tolerate

between the traditionally hos-

tile neighbours. The islet is

one of dozens assigned to

Greece under a nost-Second

World War accord. Turkey

claims it under an accord with

Italy, signed in 1932, which

stated all Aegean islets within

18 kilometers of a coastline

belonged to the nearest

The two countries, both

Nato members, are also at

odds over Cyprus and drilling

rights in the Aegean.

country.

agreed basis. Leading article, page 15 Samper 'took drugs money'

**Princess** 

**Royal visits** 

**Falkland** 

**Islands** 

The Princess Royal began a five-day visit to the Falkland

Islands yesterday, the first visit by a member of the Royal

Family for five years (Michael

Binyon writes).
The Princess toured Mount

Pleasant and the headquarters

of the British forces. Today she

will visit a memorial hospital

and attend a church service.

She then has three days of

visits to hattlefield sites.

schools, wildlife areas and

Her visit is intended to underline Britain's commit-

ment to the Falklands at a time

when relations with Argentina

are improving and London

and Buenos Aires are negotiat-

ing agreements on fishing and

the oil reserves in the waters

round the islands. The last

royal visitor was the Duke of Edinburgh, who went to the

In London, Guido Di Tella,

the Argentine Foreign Minis-ter, held talks yesterday with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign

Secretary, on a proposed fishing agreement which both sides say is vital to set the profitable industry on a new,

Falklands families.

islands in 1991.

Bogota: Jailed drug traffickers claimed yesterday that they delivered money in cardboard boxes to help Ernesto Samper, the Colombian President, to finance his 1994 election campaign (David Adams writes).

The claims were made in a "confession" to newspapers from a group who called themselves "The Extra-ditables". Señor Samper, who was cleared of any wrong-doing last December, says any alleged payments to his campaign by members of the so-called Cali cartel, took place behind my back".

"We have not signed with our names and fingerprints. considering that everyone knows who we are," the authors of the confession said. In the letter they claim that they kept silent for fear of extradition to America, but are now ready to "help to save the country". Prison officials confirmed the letter was written by jailed Cali cartel members.

#### Hospital fees ruin Reeve

Washington: Christopher Reeve, the Superman star paralysed in an equestrian accident last year, is facing financial ruin for treatment of his injuries (Tom Rhodes writes). Mr Reeve, 42, is trying to change national policy by altering the limits on medical insurance payments to victims of lifetime disability. His insurance, bought 20 years ago. is running out under the burden of hospital fees of \$400,000 (£267,000). The poli-\$400.000 (£267.000). The poli-cy has a \$1.2 million lifetime limit, slightly more than the limit, slightly more than the average \$1 million. He wants legislation to raise insurance limits to \$10 million.

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#### a foreign flag on its soil. She up. Turkey vowed it would not put up with a foreign flag on "its soil". Greece, having pli over the islet's ownership. Turkey, which claims about a held an emergency summit meeting of military and secdozen Greek soldiers landed accused Turkey of violating its there on Monday, has called unity chiefs and Western amair space and territorial waon Greece to negotiate over its bassadors were called to a ters, said it would do everyforeign ministry briefing. thing necessary to defend "its Earlier Mr Arsenis said the The latest dispute is the islet "is Greek and it is the duty of Greek armed forces to worst for almost a decade

territory".

The row is over an uninhabited islet, about four miles off the Turkish coast. It is Imia to the Greeks and Kardak to the

GREECE put its armed forces

on full alert yesterday as

tension mounted in a sover-

eignty dispute with Turkey over an Aegean islet. While a war of words hotted

The Greek Defence Minister. Gerasimos Arsenis, said Athens had lodged a formal protest with Ankara after "a Turkish frigate and a helicopter" had violated Greek territory. Turkey immediately denied the Greek claims. "The Turkish army is carrying out its normal daily activities in

Woman

kills keeper

of brothel'

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

POLICE in the Polish city of

Szczecin have charged an 18year-old Polish woman with

the killing on January 5 of the

manager of a Hamburg broth-

el and his associate, a German

The double killing is under-

stood to have happened after

the two victims followed the

authorities as "Angelika S", to

Szczecin after her apparem

escape from a life of enforced prostitution in Hamburg. Ac-

cording to a police spokesman.

the two victims had met

Angelika S on the day of the

murder in a Szczecin suburb.

where they tried to convince

her to return to Germany.

That night Angelika and a man friend, 28, who has also

been charged, allegedly killed

their victims while they slept.

The bodies were found last

weekend. Angelika and her

suspected accomplice were

caught and she was charged

on Sunday. There have been

several recent incidents of

young Central and Eastern

European women being drawn into forced prostitution

in the West after answering

advertisements for bar and

restaurant work.

soldier on leave.

defend it and they are ready to do so". He added Turkey had naval vessels in the region and Greek forces, deployed from Evros in the north of the Aegean to the southeastern island of Castellorizo, "are in a state of complete readiness to counter such a menace to Greek territory". Naval reinforcements were also being

Costas Simitis, the Greek Prime Minister, drew thun-

### Tokyo rush to buy gun

protection

FROM PEREGINE HODSON

A SPATE of gun-related crimes in Tokyo has boosted demand for bulletproof vests. At Toa Security, a store specialising in personal safety items, sales of bulletproof vests have rocketed by several hundred per cent since the shooting in September 1994 of woman, referred to by the

a manager of Sumitomo Bank in Nagoya. "Until three years ago only people in special professions. such as security guards, bought bulletproof vests," a Toa salesman said. "Now people from all walks of life — bankers, store managers. company directors and even hospital employees - are buying the protective gear." At 80,000 to 200,000 yen (£500 to £1.500) each, the bulletproof garments are not cheap, but some customers buy five to ten at a time.

Shigeo Maeno, the owner of a store in Tokyo which sells protective clothing, said most of his customers for bulletproof vests were people hit by the collapse of the bubble economy, particularly real-estate brokers and money lenders. He links the sales rise to an increase in violent

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### For the third time, real-life tragedy strikes a jewel of opera





Flames devour the 18th-century La Fenice opera house in Venice on Monday night, left, and its smoke-blackened shell blighted the city's skyline yesterday, right

### Venice 'without a soul' as fire engulfs La Fenice

which has given a platform over the centuries to great composers and singers from Verdi to Pavarotti, yesterday lay a smouldering ruin. Offers to help to restore the 200-yearold La Fernice Opera House began to pour into Venice yesterday after the building was destroyed by fire late on

Monday night.

The fire began in the upper storeys and swiftly took hold, sending the roof crashing into the boxes and stalls. The theatre, in a small piazza close to the Grand Canal, had been closed for renovation since August and the building was

There were no reported injuries, but the flames swept unchecked through the 18thcentury theatre, lighting up the night sky and reducing the ornate gold leaf and stucco interior to blackened rubble

The elegant facade is intact. but the pillars and statues that adorn it are damaged by smoke and water. Behind the façade the ruined interior stands open to the sky, with firemen perched on ladders still hosing down the charted

"This is a terrible tragedy,"



Richard Owen reports from Venice as the city laments the destruction of the 200-yearold building which has been a shrine for opera lovers

would rise from the ashes once

name when it burnt down

while being built in 1792 by the

architect Antonio Selva. It

burnt down again in 1836, but

was rebuilt in an exact replica

The Mayor of Venice,

Massimo Cacciari, said the

borne police patrol, which

spotted smoke pouring from

the roof. But firemen were

hampered by lack of water in

nearby canals, many of which

had been drained for cleaning.

Like much else in Venice, the

fire brigade travels on water

and there is a centuries-old

Helicopters were used to

drop both water and fire-

retarding chemicals. But the

blaze destroyed not only the

fabric of the building but also

much of its contents, including

priceless scores, the opera's

tradition of fire barges.

of the 18th-century original.

The theatre acquired its

said one shaken bystander, yesterday as we watched the smoke still drifting across the canals to the lagoon. For Venice? "For us all".

La Fenice (Italian for Phoenix) had been closed for tepairs in the winter and was due to reopen in March with a performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni and a jazz concert Allen on clarinet.

As investigators began swifting through the debris for clues, one theory to emerge was that an electrical fault had sparked the fire. Ironically, the renovation plans included new anti-fire protection sys-tems and smoke alarms.

The tenor, Luciano Pavarotti. said that he was "devastated". "This really was the jewel of Italy." he said. Pavarotti, who had staged an opera at the Fenice as well as singing there many times, said that he hoped the "Phoenix"

archives and a portrait of Maria Callas. Houses near by had to be evacuated. Italian newspapers were

dominated yesterday by dra-matic pictures of the burning theatre and of an obviously distressed Pavarotti.

La Stampa said that the tragedy recalled the fire at La Scala in Milan in 1943, and came at a time when Italian opera had much to celebrate. The hundredth anniversary of the premiere of Puccini's La Bohème is to be marked this week with a gala performance at the Opera House in Turin. where it was first staged.

La Stampa said that special installed at the Milan and Turin opera houses and demanded to know whether similar measures had been taken in Venice.

La Fenice, which could seat 1.500 in five tiers, witnessed the premieres of Rossini's Tancredi and several Verdi operas, including Rigoletto and La traviata, as well as works by Donizetti and Bellini. Pavarotti said he had vivid memories of singing Un Ballo in Maschera at the Fenice, and the theatre's demise left Venice like "a body without a

In New York, the American Save Venice committee said that it would donate proceeds from its annual masked ball to the rebuilding fund, and hoped to raise hundreds of

thousands of dollars. Giuseppe Cristinelli, a professor of restoration at Venice University, said rebuilding could cost as much as 500 billion lire (£200 million). Theatre officials said that the theatre company, which has been performing abroad during the renovations, would go ahead with its current tour of Poland in spite of the tragedy.

The Committee of the Venice in Peril Fund is opening a special fund for those wishing to contribute to the reconstruction of La Fenice.

Donations, marked La Fenice, should be sent to the Venice in Peril Fund, Morley House, 314-322 Regent Street, London WIR 5AB

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A drawing of the fire in 1836, which also destroyed

### Pavarotti pledges concert to raise cash for rebuilding

By JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

INTERNATIONAL messages of support and pledges of aid, including the offer of a fundraising concert by the tenor Luciano Pavarotti, poured in to help to restore the 18th-. century landmark.

Massimo Cacciari, Mayor of Venice, opened a bank account for donations to the reconstruction effort as Pavarotti pledged his help: "I will be very willing to do a concert, for free."

The Mayor confirmed that a new anti-incendiary system was to have been installed at the theatre in a few days. The Italian Government

yesterday allocated £8 million towards rebuilding the opera house, and Lamberto Dini, the caretaker Prime Minister called an emergency meeting of ministers to discuss ways of alleviating the tragedy.

Signor Dini lamented the painful fire in the La Fenice theatre in Venice. His office said that he had sent Antonio Paolucci, the Minister of Cultural Heritage, and the Under-Secretaries for Tourism and Civil Protection to Venice to decide what other measures were needed.

A city council project to find international sponsorship for restoration of Venetian museums is to give priority to La Fenice. The council is hoping for permission from Rome to raise loans on the international finance markets. Carlo Fontana, the superintendent of the La Scala opera house in Milan, said: "The very grave fire at the Fenice is very painful for us and all men of the theatre who have loved the place."

However, he added: "Venice will know how to restore this great treasure to Italy and the world. I. and all the artists and the management of La Scala are at your disposal for any initiative or support that you decide to ask of us."

Judith Aaron, executive director of the Carnegie Hall in New York, said: "For this to happen to a sister institution is

> Rodney Milnes recalls La Fenice's glittering history, page 31

terrible, a terrible tragedy for the music world as a whole." It was too early to say if any help

would be given. Joseph Volpe, general manager of New York's Metropoli-tan Opera, said: "The loss of the beautiful and historic La Fenice is an immense catastro-

phe. We stand ready to help." Massimo Nalesso, a bassoonist and a veteran of the Fenice orchestra for 25 years. said a visit to the shell of the opera house was "like going to a mortuary to identify a

In Brussels, the European Commission has offered 100,000 ecus (£32,000).

### **Drained canals** thwarted fight by fire brigade

IN A city built on water, there was not enough water to put out a fire. As you cross the little bridge that leads to the ruined La Fenice theatre, the first thing you notice is the are there that it is difficult to get through the little square beyond which the opera house

The second thing you notice as you round the corner is the drone of water pumps from the fire barges in a nearby canal, and the gush of water pouring down the inside walls of the white-painted ISth-

century building. But it is all too late. The "gem of Europe", as Venetians proudly call their opera theatre, is a smoking shell, its white façade smeared in black. The fire hoses, the barges and the red helicopters which now clatter ceaselessly overhead were not there at 0.15

on Monday night when the alarm was first raised. Yesterday, as the clean-up operation began, so too did the inquest, with the fire brigade and the city authorities blaming each other for the fatal delay in responding to the fire. The fire at La Fenice has rapidly become a focus of national anguish, with news

newspaper. The chief of the Venice fire brigade, Alfio Pini, said his men had difficulty approaching the theatre because of the narrowness of the streets; and two nearby canals had been drained for cleaning. Venice has no fire hydrants, and has for centuries relied instead on water pumped from its many

flashes on television and front-

page treatment in every

canals for fire-fighting. But the Government in Rome had to step in, with the Interior Ministry ordering in reinforcements from the fire brigades in Vicenza and Padua. Massimo Cacciari, the Mayor of Venice, was on the scene in the middle of the night to supervise evacuations from surrounding buildings. Venice depends on tourism for its living, and yesterday Signor Cacciari was putting a brave face on the disaster,

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vowing to restore La Fenice as one of Venice's main attractions. But the fire is a further blow to the image of Venice. which suffers regularly from flooding and is sinking into the lagoon which surrounds it. despite the efforts of the Venice In Peril committees around the world founded in 1900 following floods that year.

Most of Venice's 170 campanili (bell towers) are suffering from subsidence, and there is a continuing hattle against air pollution, much of it from the industrial suburb of Mestre. which is eating away at Venice's many beautiful churches, palazzos and bridges.

Yesterday the golden emblem with the legend Gran Teatro La Fenice was still



theatre, topped by a proud golden eagle. But beneath it the steps were littered with ash and charred fragments of wood, swimming in the belated water from the firemen's hoses. In the fover, where uniformed doormen once bowed to Venetian ladies arriving in evening dress, there was a pile of sodden black timbers and reel upon reel of now useless fire hoses.

As a chill wind blew off the lagoon, disconsolate gondoliers tried to drum up custom from visitors bundled up against the Venetian winter.

There were few takers. But Signor Cacciari said Venice would recover even from this blow, and forecast that the visitors would return to the city on the sea.

Next to the burnt-out theatre, a poster bravely informed visitors that, although the opera company was currently in Warsaw performing Verdi's Don Carlos, it hoped to come back when and if the theatre was restored once again to its former glory.



sending the roof crashing into the stalls and reducing the interior to rubble

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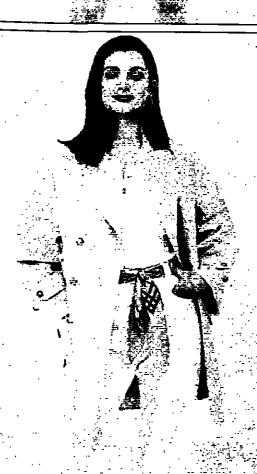
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THERE are few fashion labels which can claim an entry in the Oxford English Dictionary, but that is where you will find Burberry (n. a kind of waterproof cloth, coat, etc. of this, made by a company of

Burberrys has to be the uintessential British label. Founded in Basingstoke, and now based in the East End of London, it is still owned by GUS (Great Universal Stores). the British mail-order giant.

"We have been around for 140 years dressing everyone from kings and queens to Scott of the Antarctic, says John Suirdale, the company's director of royalty and marketing, label's successful traditional image. "We don't want to be a brand for fashion victims."

However, as fashion has turned its attention towards the sophisticated and sober, the latest Burberrys collection perfectly embraces the prevailing trends. There is lean tailoring, white cotton piqué and even a hipster skirt in matt black cotton jersey. Colour is everywhere - crisp cotton Capri pants come in paintbox brights, while cotton twinsets and cable-knit polo tops are awash with screaming hues — hot pink, tur-quoise, tangerine and red.

More conventional pieces which bridge the collections the short flared raincoat, are given a new lease of life when coloured citrus yellow and orange - this summer's hot-

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time in a modern wardrobe, and sleek jackets, pencil skirts and narrow trousers.

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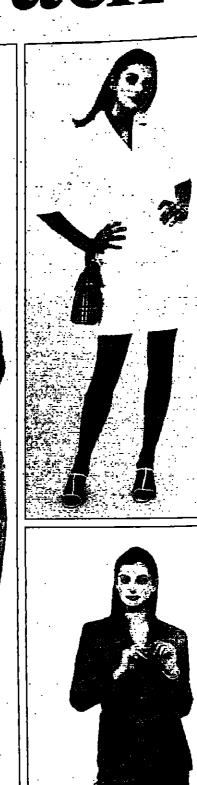
This season's collection appears right on target. It is modelled by the Scottish aristocrat Honor Fraser, who was discovered while doing work experience at Vogue magazine and is one of the new band of well-bred young ladies who are at the forefront of fashion modelling. Already a star of international catwalks (in Paris only last week she was working the haute couture shows alongside that other British beauty, Stella Tenant). A favourite with the top fashion photographer Steven Meisel, 22-year-old Honor, daughter of the late Simon Fraser, Master of Lovat, is the perfect choice. "We wanted a girl with a strong character." Mr Suirdale says. Honor's upper-crust looks certainly provide a foil for the label's understated designs.

The Burberrys success story cannot be over-stated. With 52 stores worldwide, two royal warrants and five Queen's Awards for export, the label is proving popular all around the globe. Even in Japan and America, whose home markets have been somewhat unsteady of late, Burberrys has seen its business increase. It is the leading clothing brand in

Mr Suirdale points confidently to its merchandise. "We are a product-led company," he says. "Everything begins and ends with the product, and all the rest flows from

Business on the home front has seen a steady rise, too. Sales have increased by 20 per cent in the past six months. "Burberrys is for people who are looking for something classic, not the wild and weird. "Our aim is to provide quality garments which will last over a long period of time. in both make and style."







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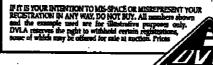
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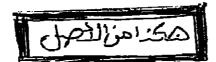
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Nicholas Hammer tells Julia Llewellyn Smith why he decided to confront the terrible memories beneath his urbane exterior

like paper over his bones, his body was alive with lice, he was so weak he could barely crawl. Miklós Hammer had just arrived in Dachau, his final destination in a year-long tour of some of the most terrible places in history: Ausch-witz, Birkenau, Gross Rosen and Buchenwald.

They were the final, chaotic days of the Second World War. Hammer. a Hungarian Jew, was one of 5,000 prisoners rounded up at Buchenwald, packed 100 men to a cattle wagon. The journey lasted 20 days: 433 survived.

Hammer saw the men around him eat grass and then die of dysentery. The stench of decay was overpowering, the screams of those

dying from hunger unforgettable. But this was just the latest episode in a living nightmare. There are other, more horrifying aspects, but I cannot tell you about them," says Hammer. "You simply

could not imagine them."
Today Nicholas Hammer, as he is known, is a wealthy businessman who lives in a large flat in Mayfair. A small, tubby man with smooth skin and round, liquid eyes, he bears no visible trace of the torments he endured.

For 40 years, he told nobody about what he had seen. When he married his wife Sonja, in 1947, she had to ask the family doctor why her husband was screaming in his sleep every night. When his son asked why his father had a number tattooed on his forearm, he was told that this was the only way Daddy could remember his phone

"I was not giving anyone the details because all I wanted was to be a human being like any other." he says. I had escaped to England; there were nice people, reasonably good food and I wanted just to be a grey person, to blend in. But I made up my mind that when this was less a part of my life I must sit down and bear witness to what has

Ten years ago Hammer, then 65,

realised that time was running out for him to fulfil his duty to the millions who had died in the camps. He was put in touch with Gerald Jacobs, the literary editor of the Jewish Chronicle, and for more than four years the two met regularly for Hammer to recount the minutest detail of his

The result was Sacred Games, published last year to huge acclaim and which has just come out in

'I had escaped to England. There were nice people, but I made up my

mind I must bear witness to what happened to me'

paperback. "When they read it, my friends were absolutely flabber-gasted," says Hammer. "They had known me for 20 years and they knew nothing of this. As for me, when I was talking to Gerald I felt like a pregnant woman and when it was over I was only happy that the pain had gone and relieved that I had done what I set out to do."

Uncovering the memories had been a profoundly disturbing experience. As Hammer recalled the sensation of starving to death, he began to binge secretly at night.
"My wife would find me in the kitchen packing my pockets full of food, she was absolutely despairing. I put on she was absolutely despairing. I put on she had a weight and I cannot shake them off."

A passion for food is one of the more joyous legacies of Hammer's ordeal. While we are talking, the maid appears with a heaped tray of open sandwiches. "Eat, eat," he exhorts me, as I cram fistfuls into my mouth. Interv of life."

The son of a rabbi, Hammer was Sacred Games, Penguin, £6.99.

born in Budapest in 1920 and became a student of medicine, with hopes of becoming a brain surgeon. That he ended up a textile exporter in London was thanks to a bizarre. chance encounter on the train to Dachau An emaciated man crawled over to Hammer and half delirious - began to talk. His name, he said, was Peter Howard, and he came from London.

At some point during the journey Howard died and his body was disposed of Hammer, half dead, crawled off the train at Dachau to hear the familiar cry: "Jews to one side!" These men would be shot. When a guard appeared, listing names, Hammer looked up and said "Peter Howard".

The guard passed and the next thing I heard was 'Are you feeling better, Mr Howard?' I just gasped in confusion." Hammer's face creases with happiness at the memory. It was two days later, the war was over and Hammer was in an Allied hospital.

Convinced all his family was dead, Hammer had grown to despise Hungary for the anti-Semitism it had harboured. Pretending to be Howard, he was repairiated to England, where he determined to make a new start. In fact, his family had all, miraculously, survived, but still Hammer refused to return, opting

instead for an emotional reunion at the Czech border.

The horrors are receding now and Hammer prefers not to spend time with other Holocaust survivors. "But I still have nightmares, even though they are rarer; one a year, when it used to be one a month and before that every night."

Despite his experiences, Hammer still believes in God. "I tell you why. My sister came back from Bergen Belsen; my father was taken away to be gassed and he was saved. My mother and my other sister were taken to the Danube to be machine-gunned and escaped. I lived, not because I was clever, but because I was lucky ... I won the



Nicholas Hammer is now a wealthy businessman living in Mayfair - but for years he kept secret the horrors of his wartime experiences

### So what really goes on in Westminster's bars?

illed as the Rover's Reb turn meets Panorama, tomorrow sees the launch of Britain's first political soap opera. Annie's Bar, named after a dingy Commons drinking hole, is about a naive Tory bank clerk who stuns everyone when he triumphs in a by-election but then gets ensnared in the sleazy world of Westminster.

The new MP's wife anxiously chews her pearls at home while her husband chases blonde research assistants around Gothic turrets. Glowering whips pin him against the lavatories to teach him about party loyalty and, over crumpets in the tearooms. sacked Cabinet ministers whisper revenge in his ear.

But if in the real Hemsworth vote tomorrow the true-blue candidate achieves the miraculous and wins the first Tory by-election in seven years, should he take Annie's Bar as his bible of parliamentary procedure?

Probably not. A 12-hour tour by The Times around the most prestigious gentlemen's clubs on the banks of the Thames suggests that a guide to its other 23 refreshment holes would be more useful.

What the programme-makers obviously hadn't realised is that the real Annie's Bar is virtually redundant. A smoky room with greasy glasses, it used to be used by lobby journalists and MPs to exchange "ideas" until the early hours over Federation Special

But the swirl of intrigue now wafts through Parliament's other hostelries (traditionally not subject to normal licensing laws because Westminster is a royal palace), leaving behind it a plotline and characters far more extraordinary than any scriptwriter could imagine.

Midday: We are at the nofrills Strangers' Cafeteria. The Commons secretaries are meeting for a back-to-basics lunch. Secretary is too meagre a word for most of these grandiose, tweedy figures. They, not Baroness Thatcher, are the real handbag carriers of British politics. Their elder stateswoman, Eileen Wright, has been in the House for 50

Alice Thomson discovers that of all the gin joints in all the world, Annie's Bar is the one our rulers are avoiding

years and has taught 25 Tory MPs how the system works as well as sewing up their ripped dressing gowns and rinsing out their swimming trunks.

1.30pm: At the Commons

gym. The gym is open to all employees in the House for only £220 a year. One look at the average MPs girth and it is obvious that few of them take advantage of the machines. But the Tory MP Edwina Currie was there in her egg-coloured Lycra. She might have given our new MP a few tips about the steamier side of the House — based strictly on her novels.

4.00pm: The Barry Room. where the last peers are finishing lunch. This is the most beautiful restaurant in London, with medieval stone vaulting, pale blue uphoistery and white tablecloths. The waiters know that it has to compete with White's and Prati's, the peers' favourite clubs just over the park in St James's, so there is always steak and kidney pudding and treacle tart on the menu.

4.30pm: Past the kowtowing policemen to the Peers Tearoom for Gentleman's Relish and crumpets. Here, surrounded by oak panelling and portraits of Debrett's finest, is Lord Tebbit entertaining Chinese businessmen and elderly



Kenneth Clarke drinks up

baronesses and earls enter-taining nieces and fishnet-clad granddaughters. 5.30pm: Down a winding

staircase off the Commons Central Lobby to the brightly-lit Sports and Social Club. where the attendants to the Serjeant-at-Arms, dressed in black silk stockings and frockcoats, stand out amid a sea of anoraks. Only Liberal Democrats and staff seem to be able to afford the £3 subscription. In return they get the one bar vaguely resem-bling the Rover's Return, with darts board, draught beer and

7pm: The Pugin Room, for MPs only and their invited

guests. The Pugin has serious pretensions, with 6ft-high floral decorations, chandeliers. leather sofas and a spectacular The sound of the future?

How two teenage twins invented the computer program that has revolutionised classical music Page 33

riew over the Thames to Lord Archer's floodlit home. We entered just in front of Virginia and Peter Bottomley, who had come for a gentle gin and tonic. Former Chancellor Norman Lamont was celebrating having found a new seat at last. Gillian Shephard, heroine of a dozen triumphant interviews chastising "the hypocritical" Harriet Harman. walked in to cheers.

8pm: Bellamy's Bar, on the first floor. A brand-new, characteriess place that looks like an airport bar. It is packed with Commons research assistants eking out their average £10,000-a-year salaries, sip-ping cider and making jokes about their MPs outside inter ests. But none of them will do more than hint at any financial or romantic shenanigans. being far more discreet than their masters. 9pm: The Members' Smok-

ing Room, so secret that journalists aren't allowed in and so daunting that even Lady Thatcher avoided its cigar fumes. This is where one former Tory Chief Whip used to drink champagne at 10am and entice younger MPs to horse race around the room for bets.

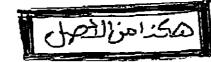
Ilpm: The Strangers' Bar (better known as the Kremlin), open to most of the House and their guests, is heaving with MPs from all sides, drinking the House red and discussing everything from Ireland to the problems of getting babysitters.

11.30pm: The Press Bar. Dimly lit and at the frayed carpet end of the palace, this is where MPs and journalists gather to see the first editions of the papers and hear about a grandee plot or two over a pint of bitter — all strictly off the

One last check in Annie's Bar confirms that it has been quiet all night, although 11,000 people have been served in Westminster. The new Channel 4 soap seems to owe far more to literary licence than realpolitik. Its most credible factor may be that the whole series is being shot in a former Victorian lunatic asylum. Annies Bar is on Channel 4

tomorrow at 9\_30pm.

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piece of this: switchboards jam.

postmen stagger, internets fuse.

Yet while the umpteen arguments over whether she should

or shouldn't are hurled back and

forth and the tense world trem-

bles at the implications of her

decision for women (and men)

everywhere, the core of the

matter - without which the

debate is pointless -- has so far

- wore thick tweeds, brown

brogues, a belted trenchcoat and

a trilby hat. He was called

Buildog or Sexton or Tiger and

land, young men who had been thinking of putting their hands on their girlfriends' knees in-

stantly put them back in their

A 1962, Ursula Andress waded ashore, a big for

eign girl without any clothes on, closely observed, from behind a

palm frond, by a British secret service hero. What would he do?

Tap his pipe out on his brogue,

run from cover, and, eyes gal-

lantly askance, raise his trilby.

prior to chucking his trenchcoat

over her? You know the answer.

not only did James Bond not

wear or smoke any of these

sturdy things, not only did he

not refrain from sex with big

foreign women, he instead took

off the things he did wear and

stubbed out the things he did

smoke precisely in order to have

sex with big foreign women. Sin

nd then, in the spring of

7 hich is: what was Ur-

threatens to be one even

more fraught and testing

combination of honesty

frankness, but, ringed

ceased to rule the waves

### How to keep Pandora's box open

Tessa Jowell says all-women

shortlists should be legalised

has a rifle range but no nursery, a barber but no hairdresser. Red tape still hangs on every Member's coathook, so that gentlemen can hang their swords. Since Nancy Astor made her maiden speech in 1919 pledging to "speak for women and children up and down the country" only 169 other women have taken their seats in the House of Commons compared with nearly 4,000 men. At the present rate it will take 200 years to achieve equal representation in Parliament

In this league, Britain lurks near the bottom: 42 per cent of Members of Parliament in Sweden are women, 22 per cent in Austria, 24 per cent in Cuba, 25 per cent in the new South Africa, and 12 per cent in Indonesia and Cameroon. In Britain it is 9 per cent.

No one attempts to justify this. The Tories are sheepish. as well they should be, given the blatant institutionalised sex discrimination which closs their selection processes. They are taking, wisely for once. little part in the debate which has followed Labour's loss of the industrial tribunal case brought by two men who complained that Labour's policy of

women-only shortlists in 50 marginal or safe seats was a breach of (Labour's) Sex Discrimination Act of 1975.

Some gleeful commentators on policy the right have seen stranded this as a snub and predictably de-

claimed that fine ends do not justify foul means. This will not do. The intention in 1975 was to exclude the internal organisation of political parties from the Act, precisely because of several important pro-women elements of existing party organisation. The exemption has allowed Labour to make great progress in equalising the gender balance of constituency and national party office-holders.

in 1992, Labour's party conference decided that grossly unequal gender representation in Parliament ought to be tackled head-on. We could not then, and cannot now, claim to be the party of equality and democracy while simply hoping that chance and events action will bring fair

The presence of women in Parliament, important as it is, is not an end in itself. Parliament is not as good as it should be at its job precisely because women are not properly represented in it. Its job is to represent the interests of its electors, and not just their short-term or narrowly perceived interests. This means understanding and really living the life of those we represent, because it is the experience of daily life which matters in policy which is to do with daily things: health, schools, work, insecurity, crimes. In these areas, which of course touch all citizens, the woman's perspective is real and different; and if that perspective is

not sufficiently understood, bad policies ensue. While most countries that have made progress on equal representation have done so

The House of Commons by using proportional voting systems, our first-past-the-post system does not allow for that flexibility. Labour, accordingly, in pursuit of parity representation within ten years, adopted an all-women shortlist policy, to be applied in half of our target winnable seats and in half the seats where a male MP was retiring. This meant that some 50 seats out of a total of 648 would select from allwomen shortlists. The selections proceeded on local agreement in all but one constituency. It was "Deeds not Words", as the suffragettes begged, at last. Thirty-four first-rate women have been selected, and their presence after the next election will do more to transform our Parliament and modernise our democracy than a thousand speeches about the principle. A 6 per cent swing to Labour would see the election of

another 80-90 women. In 1992, when this policy of all-women shortlists in certain seats was adopted under the leadership of John Smith, OC, himself an eminent lawyer, the advice of another QC, now a High Court judge, was that the policy was legal. Since then there have been other de-

cisions, and the tide appears to

have left the pol-icy stranded. Other The tide means must accordingly be found to appears to have left the

achieve the unfinished business The effect of the tribunal decision is that sex discrimination law is now a fact of the candidates' selection pro-

cess, although this is not what the Labour Government intended when the Act was passed. Whether the existing law, which approaches this highly sensitive issue only by the back door, is really apt to achieve true gender equality in the selection of parliamentary candidates is doubtful.

The choice now is between taking the sex discrimination law out of the selection process within political parties, and permitting it to apply, possibly so as to provide that every shortlist must be balanced between men and women. Each list could be divided evenly between men and women, or it sexes among applicants. As for positive discrimination, there remains a strong case for making an exception when it comes to the political process, since that process is not just another object of social policy, but is itself the agent of social change. We need to treat the

horse differently from the cart. The Conservative Party has obviously now decided that its best hope of avoiding electoral catastrophe is to brand Labour politicians hypocrites. The gibe rests on the alleged gap between party policy and individual practice. As such it presupposes a moral dilemma. But in terms of commitment to women's representation, as in education, the Tory party machine has not yet acquired the moral qualifications to be part of the debate, and shows

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no signs of doing so.



Sensational tape with "plummy-voiced woman"

### Dons must do or die

tled universities must de-cide whether to defy the Government. They will debate an entry charge of £300 on all students whose parents earn more than £15,000 a year. If they introduce one, it will be the first breach in Britain's fee-free higher education system. If they do not, they will stand condemned as Government stooges. whingeing, wheedling and weak-kneed at the sound of battle.

Last November, university spending over the next three years was cut by 12 per cent in real terms, with capital cut by 52 per cent. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, urged universities to get money from the private sector. That is precisely what they should do. They should charge the fee, each university deciding what the market will bear. They should make the middle classes pay. They should give them a shock which is another way of making them expect value for money. What could be more Tory than that? But I bet if it happens, Whitehall will smell burning rubber as the Govern-

ment does a budgetary U-turn.
Free higher education was, after mortgage tax relief, the greatest benefit paid by the British taxpayer to the rich. It is a tax-free cash handout worth up to £24,000 for every student. This bounty was introduced after the war only because Britain allowed sity. The proportion doubled in the 1980s, partly thanks to comprehensive schools, and doubled again be-tween 1990 and today. Twenty per cent of 18-year-olds are now on university courses, with almost 60 per cent still in education of some sort.

The cost has proved unsustainable. The system began creaking with the cuts of 1981. Decay continued with the "nationalisation" of the universities. polytechnics and technical colleges after the 1988 Education Act. Then, last November, higher education hit the wall of pain. Numbers are to be frozen into the next millennium, cost per student is to fall, and new

building will all but cease. This is true nemesis. In 1979, British universities were the one corner of the welfare state financed by de facto vouchers. They set out their wares and students chose, with a government grant automatically covering fees and maintenance. Money for research and buildings was channelled through the arm's-length University Grants Committee. In 1988, Margaret Thatcher and her For students, £300 is a small price to pay for independent universities

Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, swept all this away. Universities and polytechnics came under Govern-ment control. Within limits, each university was to be told how many students it should take and what research would be paid for.

Mr Baker was emphatic in his dirigisme: "The Government considers student demand alone to be an insufficient basis for the planning of higher education. A major determinant must also be the demands for highly qualified manpower, stimulated in part by the success of the social policies."

talking. Mr Baker added that if graduate output was "not in line with the economy's needs, Government will consider whether the planning frame-work should be ad-

nusted". The voucher was sacrificed on the altar of planning. The policy was nodded Never was the attribution to Mar-

garet Thatcher of something called Thatcherism more absurd. She be-haved towards the universities as a social egalitarian. She savaged academic independence, rammed the polytechnics and universities into a common, centralised funding regime and discarded all remnants of a demand-based voucher. The grants committee was supplanted by a fidget of initials — a UFC, a PCFC, an HFC, then an HEFC. Each minister wanted a new one of his own. Accountants were recruited as "academic quality assessors". They went round univer sities measuring the thickness of academic theses and counting scho-

lastic references in bibliographies. The reaction of the universities was to protest, then to roll over and allow their tummies to be tickled with money. After declaring in the 1980s that any change in the staff-student ratio would be a disaster, they increased that ratio by 50 per cent. After swearing that student numbers could not rise unless spending rose, they doubled numbers in five years while spending stagnated. Always they grew, believing growth was the one

sure route to money. Most craven, the universities capitulated to the Government's prejudice in favour of science and engineering. There was no demand for this from either students or employers. Yet grants were biased towards expensive science subjects, so universities lowered admission standards and expanded numbers. There has been a wholly predictable rise in science graduate unemployment. At the last survey, barely half of such graduates were in science related jobs.

Some might respond that universitieso are not about training for employment. They are not polytechnics. They are what they al-ways used to be, a quality consumer service. They offer scholars an environment in which to

pursue knowledge and students an enjoyable experience and the promise of a more civilised life thereafter. years free of worry about their

children's employment. This argument has always been anathema to the universities. To be a consumer service is to lie in the nation's accounts alongside Mickey Mouse and bingo. Universities want to be seen as a robust national investment. They want to show that they are more than effete academies of learning and good living. They want to prove themselves economically virile, the better to plead for cash from the Treasury and be relieved of the need to sell themselves competitively to students. "Britain needs more graduates" is treated as an axiom requiring no proof. Tables of dubious reliability are published showing that rich economies have more people in

higher education than poor ones. Few academics have dared question the conventional wisdom by pondering whether rising student numbers are a cause or a consequence of wealth. (Rich countries also spend more on holidays.) When James Murphy of Lancaster UniverHe pointed out that there was little correlation between employment patyears on, a quarter either were not earning at all (mostly women) or this percentage is probably growing. As for international comparisons, they can prove anything. Germany and Japan's growth was fastest when they educated a small cohort at university. Now these countries are rich and are educating more, their

f universities really want to be treated as so much investment infrastructure by the Treasury, they will find every course monitored and everything not to the manpower planner's liking regarded as wasteful. When the planners turn nasty, universities will be cut and cut again — as in November. They can kiss goodbye to independent scholar-ship and cede academic victory to the

The investment argument might have worked for the past two decades of expansion. Now it is threatening every autonomy that universities rightly hold dear. It was always stupid. A university education may be a income stream. There may even be a case for subsidising the investment as a tax-free loan, as there is a welfare case for waiving fees for poor students. But there can be no case for using manpower planning to limit student numbers or decide which subjects should be studied. Nor is there any justification for those who can afford to pay part of the cost getting it scot free — a generosity that amazes foreigners. Students and their par-ents are the best judges of what university and what course is best for them, and should back that judgment with their money. These are market

If universities are to reassert themselves as custodians of scholarship and academies of civilised learning they must disentangle themselves from Mrs Shephard's planners, auditors, inspectors and bureaucrats. They must rediscover the arm'slength principle and stop seeing Government as their client. They should declare £300 as cheap at the price. They might try £500, and tell

he was hounded from pillar to post. terns and courses studied at university. In one survey of graduates, six were in jobs where a degree was not required or not considered helpful. With rising graduate unemployment,

> sula Andress? For if we do not understand what she was, not only can we not say what she is, we cannot even begin to guess what she' might be in two months' time. And because there is a strong chance that even Miss Andress may not know what she was. I believe she should be told: it may help her to arrive at the right decision.

Ursula Andress was nothing less than the beginning of the end for England. Astonishing private universities of America. how little it took, isn't it? She wasn't famous even for 15 minutes, she was famous for only the 15 seconds required to wade out of the sea wearing a Bowie knife and carrying a large suggestive mollusc in either hand. That is the image we have of her, and, think carefully now, that is the only image we have of her. It doesn't seem much to have reduced this great nation to its present tatters, does it, but there Up until Dr No. the British secret service screen hero — that is to say the figure who stood sentinel over all we had and held

he invariably smoked a stubby briar pipe to enable him to enjoy the only good shag he would ever get. These chaps did have girlfriends, called Burny or Tilly or Old Girl, but a pecked cheek decisions, not government ones. was the top and bottom of it. Sex was only ever a weapon de-ployed by big foreign women to seduce the hero from his sacred duty of safeguarding the realm, and it was as effortlessly resisted as the Hun bullet or the Dago knife. It was what Engthe Government to get lost. land was all about, and it was an example to us all. On observing it, in Odeons throughout the

Mayor's personal chaptain blessed the food, and added: "May your

ready festooned in ghostly dust-sheets, but his gundogs, which used to have the run of the grand rooms, have been flown out to join

the family in South Africa. Fortunately for the beasts, they did not have to go into quarantine as they departed from these shores. But the earl must be aware that if he tires of his peregrinations and returns to the bracing Northamptonshire air, the baffled mutts will have to spend six months in

quarantine on their return. It's not only the audience which has found Simon Callows fourhour play. Les Enfants du Paradis, hard going at the Barbican in London. Members of the cast are apparently thoroughly fed up and have been begging him to cut it for weeks. Sadly to no avail — as was

had been brought into the world of the British secret agent. Give 007 half a chance and he was up the Tree of Knowledge like a rat up a drainpipe. all too evident at last night's first

# pounds and pesos grow strong."

Palmer: no hairpiece pin of the entire shooting match.

she is to become Sir David Frost's personal assistant. Major can only reflect on an interview be conducted with Frost in New Zealand last year, when he spoke of Stowell and commented:

Sir David likes to be scared a little. Mammon met God yesterday at the Mansion House in London, performance. where the Lord Mayor threw a

There's a great terror about Tina."

luncheon for President Zedillo of Medoo. Saying grace, the Lord

Dogs' peril **EARL SPENCER** is clearly serious about settling in Cape Town. Not only is his stately home, Althorp Hall in Northamptonshire, al-

And look where England stands now, 35 years on. Who would doubt that it is all down to Ursula? Or that we would prefer, come March, not to be

reminded of it?

### Last Straw

AS JOHN MAJOR weighs into Tony Blair over his record on law and order, Labour Members are casting anxious glances at the party's chief superintendent — the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw is going deaf - profound-

ly so — and there is concern that it s affecting his parliamentary performance. The more raucous the Commons becomes in debate, the more it confuses Straw. "I am stone deaf in one ear, after

losing my hearing through a virus," he explains. "But I also have very bad tinnitus. It's an appalling distraction. Most of the time I manage but occasionally, if there is a hubbub in the chamber, I find it a problem."

The poor chap says that matters are not improving. The tinnitus problem is getting worse. It's a continual hissing noise, rather like escaping steam. It makes for problems in determining where the in-sults come from," he says. "I happened recently to refer to the fact that I had been in the House for 17 years. Someone shouted 'too long', and I thought it came from

my own benches. In fact it came

from the Conservatives."

 With the fragile peace in Ulster under evident strain, one of the Met Office's Belfast forecasters was severely reprimanded yesterday after an unfortunate slip on Monday. Promising continuing bitter winds, he had said: "It's time

### to bring out the balaclavas again."

in harmony PROTESTERS were once again outside the Royal Opera House last night, complaining about redundancies. Last time the placards bore a simple message: "Turan-dole". This time, there was a Wagnerian theme with "Give-a-damnerung". But the pièce de resistance will come on February 20, when the creative effort will be doubled. In an unprecedented act of harmony, staff at the rival English National Opera are expected to come out in sympathy.

Wrong band SCREECHING feedback ran through my headset after allega-

tions that a radio ham taped a con-

versation between the Duke of



Edinburgh and a "horsey" female. The Radio Society of Great Britain is shorting itself, claiming that newspaper reports of the conversation have implicated its members. "There is no evidence whatso-ever that the telephone conversa-

tion was intercepted and taped by a licensed radio amateur or radio ham'," barks a spokesman. Little wonder he's uppity. The society's patron is the Duke of Edinburgh.

Cats whisper SIR ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER was a notable absentee during the first half of the historic performance of his musical Cats on Monday night, when it notched up a record as the longest-running mu-

sical either in the West End or on Broadway. Family affairs took priority over

#### the 6,141st performance. He turned up for the second half - but only after taking his son to Queens Park Rangers' FA Cup defeat by Chelsea. The composer is a Leyton Ori-ent supporter himself, but the match was a big night for threeyear-old Alastair: he was QPR's team mascot. Scaled down

CECIL B. DeMILLE employed a cast of 125,000 for his classic film Ben Hur. A 1902 production in Drury Lane had chariots pulled by live horses. At the Warehouse Theatre in Croydon on Friday, the rattling Roman race will be re-enac-ted by a cast of four with the title role played by a woman.
"We are putting the 'her' back in
Ben Hur," says Charlotte Palmer.

"We have been very inventive and I

can ensure you I won't be wearing

### a Charlton Heston toupee."

**Staff losses** THE PRIME MINISTER is suffering from a touch of the Princess Dianas. The departures of his press secretary, Chris Meyer, and private secretary. Rod Lyne, are to be followed next month by that of

Meyer's own fiendishly organised

secretary, Tina Stowell. The linch-



### THE NEW KUWAIT

Oil wealth in the Falklands must not bring new hostilities

The Princess Royal is in the Falkland Islands for a short visit, the first since the Duke of Edinburgh went there five years ago. Her visit - to British troops, battlefield sites, schools and Falklands families - is intended to reassure the islanders that Britain is still committed to their defence, their wellbeing and the protection of their sovereignty. The visit is well-timed. A flurry of activity between Britain and Argentina could be kindling in some dour islanders suspicions that Britain is softening its position on their future.

A new oil agreement has been signed which clears the way to explore the waters around the islands. Guido Di Tella, the Argentine Foreign Minister and a regular visitor to Britain, yesterday had talks with Malcolm Rifkind on a proposed new fishing agreement. Trade between Britain and Argentina is booming. The Princess of Wales has just been given a warm welcome in Buenos Aires. And now there is talk of an official visit by President Menem to London.

Senor Menern has raised Falkland hackles by saying that his Government's new charm offensive - including the bizarre tourist visit by Señor Di Tella's daughter and her Swiss family to the islands - is leading, inevitably, to eventual Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas. Britain understands his domestic need to disguise his setting aside of the sovereignty question in order to attract the big oil explorers to the stormy southern Atlantic.

But the British Government, sensitive to the political as well as military minefields left by the 1982 invasion, is determined to do nothing to arouse renewed suspicions among the islanders. It has just sent out as Governor Richard Ralph, a discreet and tactful man, who has clear instructions to reassure all the Stanley councillors of the Government's transparency and good faith.

The islanders, however, may soon find that change is thrust upon them in a way that they had hardly expected.

All the indications are that the waters around the islands are immensely rich in oil. The field could possibly be one of the biggest in the southern hemisphere, and now that the political obstacles to exploration have been removed, the multinationals are ready to start drilling.

The Falklands could be the new Kuwait. The expected bonanza would yield riches on an immense scale - wealth that would overwhelm the 2,000 inhabitants and transform the bare, windswept islands and creeks with speculative activity. Thousands of oil workers would be attracted to the derricks. Prices would soar. The land would be denuded, as farmers forsook their holdings and abandoned their sheep. In a decade, the islanders could become a minority in their land, strangers in a transformed landscape.

The dangers are all too plain. Indeed the very success of the British recapture of the islands, the building of an all-weather airport and the Shackleton Report on the longterm development of the islands, have made the oil exploration all the more possible. Britain has some experience of the dislocations caused by oil discoveries: the Shetlands know all too well how a community can be transformed, and the Government is ready to offer advice on how development can be controlled and lifestyles preserved.

Nevertheless, the determination of Argentina to share in this boom, and its willingness, now at least, to set aside its obsession on sovereignty, means that the boom cannot be long in coming. This is no retrospective justification for the Falklands conflict - for either side. It is, instead, a challenge to London and to Buenos Aires to ensure that the prospect of wealth does not provoke new envy, new hostilities.

### VENETIAN PHOENIX

Sine Ordine Cum Irregularitate — a jewel of art

The inferno that devoured La Fenice on Monday night has destroyed an opalescent jewel of the world of opera. For more than 200 years, the glowing "underwater light" of Proust's favourite theatre has drawn to Venice the finest talents, from Rossini, first (to critical abuse), to Prokofiev, Stravinsky and Britten. Venice was the city which, in 1637, added a new dimension to musical pleasure by being the first to build theatres for the public performance of opera. For Venetians and all those who love Venice this is a terrible wound.

What could be done, appears to have been done. The theatre was closed for restoration and repairs, including improved fireproofing and smoke alarms; as at Windsor Castle. an electrical fault related to repair work may have started the blaze. Even so, the fire was detected early, the alarm given; skilful tactical use of explosives limited damage to the foyer. But because the adjacent canals had been drained for much-needed dredging, fireboats could not reach the building. By the time water could be pumped from the Grand Canal and the Venetian lagoon into fire helicopters, the magnificent ceiling had collapsed into the interior.

Priceless scores and archives have been lost; and the auditorium and stage have been almost entirely destroyed. For Joan Sutherland, who made her Italian début at La Fenice in the 1950s, this intimate late rococo hemicycle, with its painted panels and gilded intaglios softly illuminated by crystal candelabra, was simply "the most beautiful theatre in the world". Even its safety-curtain, a Venetian scene painted in the style of Carpaccio and only recently restored, was a work of art. But it is the Fenice's special pride to have been as attentive to the ear as to the eye; its acoustics were a diva's dream, so fine that they lifted the softest note up through its five blue and gold

tiers of seductively decorated boxes. The most ordinary performance here had magic; and La Fenice has been at the heart of some of opera's most glorious achievements. In common with every opera house in Italy, it has gone through periods of politicallylinked scandal and fortissimo quarrels between managers, artistic directors and countered financial problems by keeping seat prices enviably low while staging fine all-round productions without "top" names. Audiences privileged to have seen the delightfully named Giusy Devinu half-melt in pleasure at Cherubino's Voi. che sapete would find nothing to envy in the grandest international cast.

Italy has a chance now to surmount its bad reputation for allowing politics to impede the effective handling of disasters. This Venetian Phoenix is no stranger to controversy: Antonio Selva's original building of 1792 - called La Fenice because it replaced an opera house that had burnt down in another part of Venice - was the object of so much satirical abuse that the inscription on its façade, an acrostic epigram on Societas, was changed to read: Sine Ordine Cum Irregularitate Erexit Theatrum Antonius Selva. But the theatre has staying power, physically as well as artistically. Burnt to the ground in 1836, it was rebuilt in identical form within a year; Donizetti continued confidently to create new operas for its reopening and within a decade, it staged its first Verdi première.

Venice was not rich then and it is still less rich now. Although the citizens who rushed in tears to try to save it will give what they can, the city cannot conceivably raise the estimated £200 million that restoration will cost today. In Britain and America, Venice in Peril has been prompt to launch a special appeal. Galas will help; so would a tiny proportion of royalties from CD opera recordings. But La Fenice is as much a part of Venice as San Marco; and like San Marco, it belongs to us all. It must rise from its blackened nest - rebuilt, again, just as it was.

### THE BROTHERS FINN

A British invention takes the microchip to Mozart

Do re mi fa, eureka! Two British inventors. Jonathan and Ben Finn, have dreamt up something which might one day do for music what the word-processor has done for language. As our arts editor writes on page 33 today, the brothers have devised a computer program which can notate, print and play a musical score at a pace even more rapid than Mozart at his most fecund. Wolfgang Amadeus, in fact, would be a mere musical tortoise in comparison: for Sibelius 7, as the Finns have called their program, is a sprightly hare of our

microchip age. Luddites will be alarmed of course, and the music world has more than its fair share of the breed: but this invention should, by rights, sow hope not apprehension. Just as the microchip has made writing easier whether poetry or prose - without polluting the essence of the art, it will surely come to free composers of music from the more tedious tasks that lie with their vocation.

Sibelius 7 will not itself compose musica that will remain the burden of the musician. and his or her joy. The program will, in a nuisheil, help composers to fix their minds on the creation of music alone. "Input" the musical idea and the notations emerge as a "print-out". Imagine what wonders Bach

could have worked with such technology; or Richard Strauss, or Britten. Or the composer of Finlandia himself, from whom the program takes its name.

Not only will the Finns' invention assist in composition, it should revolutionise also the teaching and publishing of music. It is as yet too expensive for many schools to afford, but it should with time - and sponsorship come to be more accessible. Music, whose recording is now of a sophistication commensurate with our age, still allows few roles in its teaching to technological aids: yet

that state may not persist for long. There are other, more sentimental, reasons for which to celebrate the brothers Finn. In this age of corporate research and development, lone inventors have a romantic appeal. And no society has a greater share of these individuals - motivated by nothing so much as the felicity of their own ideas - than our own.

Six months ago, we celebrated the invention of the clockwork radio, a simple idea which has taken news, music and educational instruction to remote parts of the African continent. Today we salute the Finns. Their "garden shed" has yielded up a device to which the music world should be indebted.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Pointing the way to an Irish peace

From Mr Chris Ryder

Sir, Both your letters of January 29 and 30 over-simplify Lloyd George's tactics in 1921. He initiated a truce in July that year and masterminded the subsequent negotiations with Irish Republic leaders. When they concluded in the following December he forced the negotiators to sign the resulting treaty or face the resumption of military action by the British forces in Ireland

The resulting treaty, which fathered partition, sowed seeds of division and hatred in the new Free State, creating "civil war" political stances which flourish to this day. It compounded the Unionist siege mentality, nour-ished northern Catholic resentment at being excluded from a united Ireland. and abandoned Northern Ireland to the wasteland of virtually permanent majority rule. The most recent conflict was the inevitable result of the flawed 1921 process.

Unlike his predecessor, John Major has shown exceptional courage and vision in breaking away from the bounds of history and mapping out a forward-looking, self-determined fu-ture for Northern Ireland flowing from newly divined springs of reconciliation, tolerance and consent.

All shades of modern Irish political leaders should urgently drink from these new springs instead of continuing to imbibe the dregs of history. Then they could create a new political order in Northern Ireland based on the legitimacy of both the Unionist and Nationalist traditions and mutual respect between them.

Roll on the day when the Union Jack and Irish tricolour fly side by side over Parliament Buildings at Stormont. Then we will have true

Yours sincerely, CHRIS RYDER. 79 Springfield Road, Portavogie, Co Down. January 30.

From Professor James P. Barber

Sir, In seeking a solution to the Northern Ireland impasse can a lesson be drawn from South Africa? No two situations are the same.

However, in the process of establishing a democracy in South Africa a dispute arose which is similar to that Northern Ireland today whether constitutional decisions should be taken by an elected body or by an all-party conference. The ANC favoured an elected body.

because it knew it could command a majority, whereas the National Party and Inkatha favoured all-party talks because they had well established positions. Progress was made possible by compromise.

Initially all-party talks were held with a limited mandate - first to agree an interim (five-year) constitution, and second to agree a set of principles on which the final constitution would be based. The final constitution itself is to be agreed by the elected Parliament sitting as a constitutional assembly.

Using this experience, could progress be made in Northern Ireland first by calling an all-party conference to agree interim measures and a set of political and constitutional principles, and second by recognising that the final agreement must be legitimised by a democratically elected body?

Yours faithfully. JAMES BARBER (Master). North Bailey, Durham.

### Inter-faith centre

From the Reverend Marcus Braybrooke

Sir. The International Interfaith Centre, which is being developed at Oxford, seems almost exactly to match Lord Habgood's suggestion (letter, January 29) for the millennium of an "inter-faith centre, where members of different faiths could meet and learn from each other on neutral ground".

The centre, the first of its kind in the world, will be a focus for interfaith work and research across the globe and will help to bring the spiritual and moral insights of the great faiths to bear on urgent contemporary is-sues, such as violence and extremism or threats to the environment.

Yours faithfully. MARCUS BRÄYBROOKE (Trustee). International Interfaith Centre, 2 Market Street, Oxford.

### Family businesses

From Mr Colin Bailey

Sir. Mr and Mrs Alfred Forte, in running their Northumberland icecream parlour (letter, January 30). bring to mind the enormous sacrifices small business owners have to make in keeping customers happy and revenue coming in.

Vast numbers of people are em-ployed by small family businesses working through the adversities of short holidays, illness and even family bereavements. Not for them the sicknote and DSS giro when they have a two-week flu - yet still they pay the full NI contributions.

Yours etc, COLIN BAILEY, The Hollows, Coddenham Green, Suffolk

### Provision of pensions in the future

From the Reverend Roy C. Allison

Sir, The report, Pensions: 2000 and Beyond (details, Business, January 24), accepts the need for an assured and adequate pension in old age. But by continuing to rely upon the Government as insurers of last resort, it maintains the illusion that government will always have the resources to make up what is lacking in personal provision to an acceptable standard of living. The history of Serps (state earnings related pension scheme) surely belies that hope.

Government's role should surely be to provide a safety net only for those with no other means of support. For everyone else the safety net of government provision needs to be transposed into a trampoline of personal endeavour by allowing individuals themselves to create their own pension scheme - having the tax advantages and choosing their own investments.

Why is it that tax benefits are allowable only for recognised pension plans through registered providers? The main beneficiaries are the insurance companies, who have not exactly covered themselves in glory through their selling of such plans.

Cannot there be any really radical thought given to pension planning?

Yours sincerely. ROY C. ALLISON. Coombe Cross Bungalow. Dittisham, Dartmouth, Devon. January 25.

From Wing Commander C. A. W. Reid, RAF (retd)

Sir, I accept that, as you reported on January 24, today's pensions cost £26 billion, rising to £42 billion in 2030, and that the burden will fall on a diminishing number of personal tax-payers. However, surely we can expect GNP to rise during the period and offset the problem.

An annual real growth rate of 1.4 per cent will be enough to increase the tax revenues in line with pensions demand. This is less than the recent historical norm for even the shaky

British economy, and much less than most politicians forecast. The pensions decisions over the next years are more bound up with who benefits most from continuing growth. Do the diminishing number of people in work, whose individual productivity is hugely increased by the elec-

tronic revolution, take all? The future of work is a major issue which is not being addressed by government, and the current pensions debate is but a sideshow to a much larger political contest.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER REID, 3 The Avenue, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. January 24.

From Mr Eric Reid

Sir, With an estimated 2.8 million people deriving their income in old age solely from a government pension. it is inevitable that those without additional pensions provision must remain on the edge of society for the remainder of their lives.

Widespread age discrimination in the jobs market, and a lack of any real job prospects for people as young as 40. have seriously curtailed the ability of many seniors to contribute to pension schemes which would otherwise enable them to avoid the retirement poverty trap.

For this reason. ARPO50 welcomes the second reading of David Winnick's Private Member's Bill on February 9. which seeks to proscribe age limits in job advertisements.

Yours faithfully, ERIC REID (Vice-Chairman), Association of Retired Persons Over 50 (ARPO50), Greencoat House, Francis Street, SWI. January 24.

### Feeding South Africa

From Mr Anthony Dykes

Sir. I would question R. W. Johnson's assumption in his report on plans for land redistribution in South Africa Canuary 22) that because that country is a net food exporter it "feeds its burgeoning population".

To be adequately fed, a population needs not only food availability but access to food by its poorest people, a condition not yet present in South Africa. A glance at just one indicator of human development — 68 deaths per 1,000 children under five (the UK equivalent is seven deaths per thousand) -shows that the capacity to produce or acquire food remains unevenly distributed. In rural areas, people need that capacity not just to maximise food production but because it represents their best chance of a job and an

The market-based approach to land reform, inspired by the World Bank. which some urge on South Africa. would require a financial contribution from the buyer as well as the offer of a grant and a loan and thus risks missing its target. It could not only provoke land-price

inflation and further accumulation by existing landowners but will fail to allocate land to those who need it most - female-headed rural households. for instance.

That prospect in itself should encourage the South African Government to stick to its convictions by introducing its own effective land re-

Yours faithfully ANTHONY DYKES (Head of Southern Africa team). Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT.

### Drivers' eye tests

From Mr Roy S. Fox

Sir. The Minister of State for Road Safety defends the new Brussels requirements for those drivers who wear glasses or contact lenses (letter, January 29). As these demands are largely based

on the premise that glasses may fall off or contact lenses fall out at a crucial moment, and some 3,000 drivers are likely to lose their jobs in consequence of their implementation, will he (can he?) quote figures to show how many people lost their lives on British roads in 1994-95 as a direct result of the kind of mishap envisaged?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ROY S. FÓX, Thatched Cottage, Old Church Road, Lower Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From Mr Paul Showman

Sir. If HGV drivers were required by law to wear spectacles with curl sides (as used by mountain climbers) their spectacles could not fall off. This would ensure that even if they had poor unaided vision they would always meet the required standard.

Yours faithfully. PAUL SHOWMAN. Showman Onticians. 114 Mauldeth Road. Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

### **Duchess in distress**

would like to voice my support for the Duchess of York.

Some four years ago whilst my daughter was being treated for leukaemia she was asked to present a posy to the Duchess at a fundraising event. This she did, and the Duchess. as one might expect, was chatty and charming. What was most unexpected was that some four to six weeks later my daughter received a personal. handwritten note from the Duchess inquiring after her health and wishing her a full recovery. It was an action that touched us deeply.

Yours sincerely. VIKI ROYCE. 7 Arhmok Lane. Claygate, Esher, Surrey.

> Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

### January 23. Renal services review

From the Co-Chairmen of the National Kidney Federation

Sir. Professor Netar Mallick asserts that his letter (January 26) on the renal services review will "reassure" kidney patients and their carers. It will not. The fact is that the quantity of renal care provided in Britain remains almost the worst in Europe, and that Professor Mallick's review, which we are told addresses this problem, has still not been published.

Professor Mallick asserts that the review "was internal to the Department of Health". In a letter of March 3. 1995, the then Health Minister, Tom Sackville, assured us of the department's "firm intention to publish this in good time to influence purchasers in the next contracting round". Our president, Lord Norrie, received a similar reply in writing in November. It is now too late for the purchasing guidelines arising from the review to influence 1996 contracting. These

delays cast doubt on the Department of Health's ability and, indeed, intention to take cognisance of the work supervised by Professor Mallick. Yours faithfully.

DAVID POULTER, F. HOWARTH, Co-Chairmen, National Kidney Federation. 6 Stanley Street. Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

#### From Mrs Hilda Kell Sir, Why such silence about the Duch-

From Mrs Viki Royce

ess of York from the charities she Sir. Like Libby Purves ("Give the Yorks a break", January 23) I too supports? As a long-standing member of the Motor Neurone Disease Association I

am aware of the work she does for us quietly and shunning publicity. She visits patients diagnosed as having motor neurone disease as appropriate to their wishes. She sends gifts, she remembers people, and she goes down on her knees to talk to wheelchair users. She shows unaf-fected warmth and kindness.

Generous to a fault? Yes, but of all our many failings as human beings. how many of us would merit such a description? Why are the charines not speaking

up for her? Dare I suggest that they fear they have too much to lose if they reproach the Establishment? Yours faithfully,

HILDA KELL 14b Marina Court Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea. Sussex. January 25.

#### Heads you lose on theatre views

From Mr J. Anthony C. Martin Sir. Obstructed views in the theatre, complained of by Judge Bishop (letter, January 27), may be overcome by the

Glyndebourne method. Seats in the centre of rows are stag-gered so that each person looks be-tween the heads of those in the row in front: towards the side, the curve of the auditorium means that seats are placed immediately behind each other and members of the audience look

diagonally towards the stage. Until other theatres adopt the Glyndebourne layout, the 5ft 11in Judge Bishop should book seats towards the side of the auditorium (or in the front row, where no doubt he will be obstructing the view of someone

else - me. for example). Yours shortly, J. A. C. MARTIN (5ft 6in). Flat 15. Royal Victoria Patriotic Building,

Fitzhugh Grove, SW18.

January 28. From Mr Bruce Summers, FRCS

Sir, Judge Bishop's ever-diminishing view of the stage is more likely to be due to his own receding height sec-ondary to osteoporotic collapse of his vertebral column, rather than the rest of the theatregoing public getting bigger. A practical solution would be to buy the seat in front of him, as well as his own, and keep it empty.

Yours faithfully. **BRUCE SUMMERS** (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon). The Princess Royal Hospital, Telford. Shropshire. January 27.

From the Reverend Peter D. McGuire Sir, Perhaps a partial solution to Judge Bishop's problem would be the adoption of European rather than

British standards. I (5ft 8in and "broad") have just returned from a weekend in Prague which included visits to its three major theatres. These newly renovated houses provided clear views and very comfortable seating. As I found equally generous seating in hotel foyers and, dare one say it, in the hotel bathroom, I can only conclude that manufacturers there have been supplied with differen

I have become an ardent European. Yours sincerely PETER D. McGUIRE, 9 Castle Hill. Eckington Sheffield, South Yorkshire. January 27.

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir. Judge Bishop is right to be concerned about the increasing number of taller people nowadays. The problem he experienced in the theatre needs to be addressed - by, among others, the makers of beds and motor-

In the meantime he might consider using an inflatable cushion — but only if I'm not sitting behind him.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT VINCENT 6ft. or 1.83m). Dilly House. Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire.

January 27. From Mrs Amanda Liddicoat

Sir. Judge Bishop seeks a reduced ticket price now that he finds himself nearer average male height and often has an obstructed view of the stage. Is he aware that half the audience have suffered from this problem ever since the theatres were built?

Yours faithfully. AMANDA LIDDICOAT (5ft 5in), Thimble House, Butlers Close, Lockerley, Romsey, Hampshire.

### Poetry in Gaelic

From Mrs Peter Winterborn

Sir, I feel I must take issue with the implication in your otherwise pleasing obituary (January 24) of Norman MacCaig, the Scottish poet, that Sor-ley Maclean was "tempted to experiment in Gaelic". Somhairle Mac-Gilleain (his true name) was born in Raasay in 1911 at a time when Gaelic was the first language of the island

The late Professor Douglas Young, classicist and an authority on Scottish literature, considered him to be "Britain's most excellent living poet" and Gaelic to be "a wonderfully copious and subtle medium for high poetry". I, and many others, agree.

Yours faithfully, M. C. WINTERBORN, 4 Hill Street, Strathmiglo, Fife. January 24.

### Standing for gallantry

From Mr Brian Calwell Sir, I stand, so to speak, to be corrected by Mr Hide (letter, January 26) or by others, but was it not G. K. Chesterton, the other half of Chesterbelloc, who gallantly surrendered his seat to three ladies when travelling on what he once dubbed a "red chariot of democracy"?

Yours faithfully. BRIAN CALWELL 5 Essex Court. Middle Temple. EC4.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January 30: Lady Dugdale has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 30: The Princess Royal this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands, and was received by the Governor (His Excellency Mr Richard Ralph).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the headquarters of the British Forces Falkland Islands. KENSINGTON PALACE January 30: The Princess Mar-

garet. Countess of Snowdon, Presi-

#### Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit Dudley outdoor market, the Market Place, High Street, Dudley. West Midlands, at II.10, as President of The Prince's Trust Volunteers, will visit St Thomas's Network, Beechwood Road, Kates Hill, at 11.50; as President of The Prince's Trust, will visit the study support centre, Pensnett School of Technology, Tiled House Lane, Bromley Hill, at 1.10; and, as President of The Prince's Youth Business Trust, will visit Dudley Training and Enterprise Council, Waterfront East, Brierley Hill, at

Princess Alexandra will attend a piano recital in aid of the Commonwealth Society for the Deal at Marlborough House, SWI, at 0.55.

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

#### Birthdays today

London WI this morning.

dent, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

today visited the factory of J.C.

Her Royal Highness received a

cheque for the money raised by the employees for the Society's Mid-

Staffordshire Branch Centenary

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 30: Princess Alexandra

was represented by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr

Malcolm Munthe which was held

in St James's Church, Piccadilly

Barnford Excavators Ltd. Roceste

Staffordshire.

The Queen of The Netherland celebrates her 58th birthday today. Professor Sir Eric Ash. former Rectui Professor Sir Eric Ash, former Rector, Imperial College of Science, Technol-ugy and Medicine, 68: Miss Presiley Bavendale, QC, 45: Mrs Prunella Briance, founder, National Child-birth Trust, 70: Lieutenant-Com-mander Sir Ruchard Buckley, former royal equerry, 68: Professor Violet Cane, statistican, 80; Sir Christopher Chataway, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, former MP and athlete, 65: Mr Robert Clatworthy, sculptor, 68: Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, dip-lornar, 65: Mrs Justice Hale, Si; Air lomar, 65: Mrs Justice Hale, 51; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hariley, 33: Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, 57: Mr Norman Mailer, author, 73; Miss Rosanne Musgrave, Headmistress Blackheath High School, 44; Miss Jean Simmons, actress, 67; the Rev Lord Soper, 93; Sir Michael Willord.

#### Appointment

Sir David Dobson has been ap-pointed Secretary-General of the Institute of Investment Management and Research in succession to Mr Tony Newman who is retiring.

### Luncheons

Lord Mayor To mark the visit to London of the President of Mexico and Señora Zedillo the Corporation of London vesterday gave a luncheon at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor

and Lady Mayoress, accompanied

by the Sheriffs and their ladies. received the guests. Among those present were

Senator Fernando Ortiz Arana,
Senator Gabriel Jimenez Remus,
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Senator Hector Sanchez Licenciado
Jose Angel Gurfia. Dr Guillermo
Orniz, Dr Herminio Blanco, the
Mexican Ambassador and Senora de
Rovenial, Dr Luis Tellez, Licenciado
Enrique Vilatela, General Roberto
Miranda Sanchez Licenciado Carlos
F. Almada. Licenciado Juan
Rebolledo, Señor Jose Luis Barrow,
Ambassador Pedro Gonzalez, the
Ambassador Pedro Gonzalez, the
Ambassador Of Guatemala and
Señora de Nanne, the Spanish
Ambassador and Señora de Aza, the
High Commissioner for Belize and
Viscount Waverley, the Canadian
High Commissioner, Earl and
Countess Catrus, the Earlof Limerick,
"Secount and Viscountess Montpresent were: countess Cairns, the Barlof Umerick, 'Iscount and Viscountess Mont-pomer, of Alamein, Baroness flooper, Lord Walker of Worcester, Mr and the Horn Mrs Henry Keswick, Baroness Rawlings, Mr David Howell, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH MP, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel-Jones, Mr Jeremy Hanter, MP, the Governor the Bank of England and Mrs George, Admiral

Sir Jock and Lady Sinter. Sir Crispin Tickell. Sir Greville and Lady Spratt. Sir Donald and Lady Logart. Sir Political and Lady Morgan. Sir Michael and Lady Morgan. Sir Michael and Lady Hanson. Sir Roger and Lady Hervey. Sir Ernest and Lady Hervey. Sir Ernest and Lady Hervey. Sir Ernest and Lady Harrison. Sir Marin and Lady Jacomb. Sir Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Jand Lady Carrisle. Sir Dayld and Lady Simon, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Members of Parliament, representatives of the Mexican Embgssy. Aldermen.

**HM Government** Mr Ian Taylor, Minister for Science and Technology, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mme Zhu Lilan, Executive Vice-Chair of the State Science and Technology Commission of China.

Distillers' Company Mr Peter Hallgarien, Master of the Distillers Company, presented the company's first scholarship to Ms Joanne Grainger for outstanding augregate marks in the Wine and Spirit Education Trust's Diploma at a luncheon held yesterday at Vintners' Hall.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.A.C.G. Brooke and Miss S. Martin Iglesias

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr Alan Brooke and Mrs Patricia Castelnau, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Soledad, youngest daughter of Mr Matias Mar-th, of Segovia, Spain, and of the late Natividad Iglesias.

Mr G.G. Carpenter and Miss H. Sutherland

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Carpenter, of Shawford. Hampshire, and Helen, daughter of the late Mr DJ. Sutherland and of Mrs D.J. Sutherland, of Walney Island, Cumbria.

Mr R.F. Fairbanks and Miss H.J. Geach

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs John Pairbanks, of Bank Farm. Shrewsbury, and Helen. only daughter of Dr and Mrs Tony Geach, of Oakley, Hampshire.

Mr S. Guennouni and Miss F.M.R. Clegg

The engagement is announced between Saad (Chad), eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brahim Guennouni of Casablanca, Morocco, and Flavia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Clegg, of Brereton, Cheshire.

Mr J.R. Hobby and Miss L.P.A. Notley

The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, son of Mr and Mrs John Hobby, of Aldbourne, Wilishire, and Phuebe, daughter of Major General and Mrs Roland Notley, of Broad Town, Wiltshire.

#### Receptions

Canning House The Earl of Limerick. President of Canning House, and the Countess of Limerick were the hosts at a reception held last night at 2 Beigrave Square in honour of the esident of Mexico and Senora Zedillo. Heads of Mission of the Latin American and Iberian countries and their ladies, members of the executive committee and members of the British Medican Society were among those present.

British Safety Council Sir Harold Walker, MP. was the host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council's Diploma in , Safety Management and Faculty of Risk Management awards.

#### Dinners

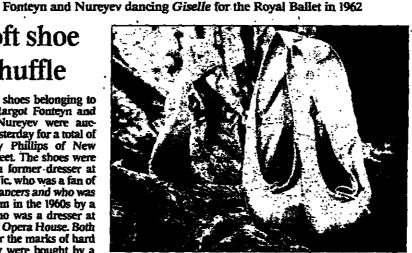
United & Cecil Club

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the host to the United & Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Peter Lilley, MP. was the principal guest and speaker. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided and Mr John Cost also, presided and Mr John East also spoke.

European Union of Women Mrs Angela Guillaume, CBE. international Chairman, and Mrs Rosemary Pockley. OBE. British Chairman, of EUW, were the hosts at a reception and dinner held at the Carlton Club on January 27 for

the International Executive Com-

mittee and their guests.



Pas de deux: hard-used 1960s ballet shoes of Nureyev, left, and Fonteyn which were sold yesterday

### Memorial service

Major Malcolm Munthe Princess Alexandra was repre sented by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy at a memorial service for Major Malcolm Grane Munthe, wartime SOE agent and writer, held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

Mr Tobie Munthe, grandson, read W.B. Years' The Winding Stair, and Dr Katriona Munthe-Lindgren, daughter, read Heaven's not a rest. Professor Preban

Munthe gave an address.

During the service the choir sang Angelo Santo by Mr Adam Munthe and The Silent Lover by Philip Rea. Mr Torbjorn Munthe Sandberg cousin, sang O Isis and Osiris from Mozart's The Magic Flute. The Apostolic Nuncio attended. Among others present were:

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Mr and Mrs Adam Munithe (son and daughter-dr-law). Por Oricy Underen 1507-16-18-19, Mr Tori Munithe Igrand-5011. Mrs Preben Munithe Mrs Gurilla Munithe, Mrs Gurilla Munithe, Mrs Gurilla Munithe, Mrs Gurilla Munithe, Mrs Henrik Munithe, Mrs Gurilla Munithe, Mrs Henrik Munithe, Mrs Henrik Munithe, Mrs Henrik Mrs

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Lake, MIF Evan Carneron.

MY Jack Corke (Painchule Regiment, the Rev Leonard Sjostron
(Rector of the Swedish Church, WI),
MY Andrew Lang (Kings' College
School, Wimbledon) with MY and MYS
Collid Evans, MY John Barrett (London
Appreciation Society) and MY John
Sloum (Jaministrator, Southside
Hoose with MYS Mary Smith.

### University news

Honorary degrees will be awarded to the following on June 19: LLD: Lord Captan. Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland; Profes-sor Samford J Pox. Boston College

D Litt Sorley MacLean, poet, Professor Fieter A M Seuren, University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, specialist in semantics and the role of psychology in understanding disyourse semantics.

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D Sc. Professor Sir Kenneth Calman,
Chief Medical Officer of Health:
Emerins Professor Victor M Hawhorne, University of Michigan,
epidemiologist: Professor Sir Roger
Penrose, Rouse Ball Professor of
Mathematics, Officer University athematics, Oxford University. D Eng: Professor Alec Nigel Broers, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge: Alan MacDonald, Managing D Mass Dr Jane Alison Glover, conductor, lecturer and writer on music (will receive her degree in December).

D Univ. J H Forbes Macpherson, former chairman of the Glasgow Development Agency.

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ADMIRAL of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Ma-rines, after his installation at Stationers' Hall last night as an Honorary Freeman and Liveryman of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company by Mr Alan Brooker, the Master.

The company adopted the Royal Marines in 1949. Lord Lewin joins two other Honorary Freemen and Liverymen of the company, the Prince of Wales and Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice-chair-man of Times Newspapers.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1797; Zane Grey, writer of western novels. Zanes-ville, Ohio, 1872: Anna Paviova, prima ballerina, St Petersburg, 1882: Tallulah Bankhead, actress, ville, Alabama, 1903.

DEATHS: Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie), Rome, 1788; John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1933; Charles Cochran, impresario, London, 1951: A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, Hartfield, Sussex, 1956; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Los Angeles, 1974; Winifred Atwell, pianist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1983.

Three hundred and seven people died when the Tharnes Estuary broke its banks, flooding large areas of Kent and Essex, 1953.

### **Bakers' Company**

Mr C. Barrie Judge, Master of the Bakers Company, yesterday at Bakers' Hall presented the prizes to successful 1995 students of the National Bakery School of the South Bank University, Mr Bruce Trent, top student in baking technology, received the Freedom of the Company, a medal and the John Kirkland Rose Bowl. Mr Sridharan Muthiah was runner-

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From his full store we have all From his full store we have all received grace upon grace; for the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jean Christ.

John 1.16 (REB)

BIRTHS

ASCHAM - To Wallace and Kathy, on 30th December 1995 at Petersfield Hopital, a beautiful son James Hearly, SERRY - On 26th January, to Wendy and Jason, a daughter Stobhan May, a state for Alating. grant for Agang.

GHAPMAN - On 29th
January, at Poole General
Hospital, to Diane and Gary,
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brither for Lauren.

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DORLING - On 29th January
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EDWARD5 - On January
25th 1996. to Charlotte and
Paul. a daughter, Emily
Victoria, six weeks spriv, a
sister for Thomas and
Corrolls FARMEAD - On January
17th 1996, to Rone (née
Haigi and Thomas, a son,
James Douglas Edwin,
MILLYER - On January 26th,
to Sarah 2nd Christopher, a
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daughter, Alicia and a son,
Sacholas. NEROUS:

NUMBAUSEN - On January

27th at The Portland

Hospital to Michele (née

Klump) and Stevéh. a

beguitful daughter, Sarah

Marie, a sister for Eric

Methods.

LEE - On 26th January at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Diana, a sob, Henry Nicholas James, a brother for George.
McGURRE - On January 26th
The Portland Hospital, to

Helen and Qary, a son. James William, a brother for

BIRTHS

WYSH-POPE - On January 23rd 1996. In Camberra, & Phoebe and Rhodri, a son Harry.

BRANCH - Raymond Sydney died on Friday 26th January. He will be audly missed by his family, friends and all those who remember his help and sympathy as a family lawyer. Foreral Service 11,30 am Tussday 6th February at Winston Church, Suffolk, No Rowers. Donabloms to Helen House (Children's Hospies), Carlord, OXA 107.

ByllOCK - On January 25th

Builders Merchants. in ma 91st year. Loving husband of Joy and fortherly of Florence, belowed father of Heather Greingell and John and much loved stretcher, grandlether, and great-grandlether, and great-grandlether, he will be sadily missed by all his husby and a wide circle of friends and former business collesgons. Funeral Service at Lasbourne Crematorium of 14.30 on Tuesday 6th-February, Funelly flowers only please but donations would be welcomed by theleague of Friends of the Backill Hospital c/o Means Mummetry Funeral Directors, 31 Decomanice

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and great-grandmother
and great-grandmother;
Funeral 11 am, Monday 8th
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COOPER - On January 25th, 1996 in Brighton, Margot, apog 85 years. Much loved mother of Nick, Justin, Alex and Charlle, and mother believe of Thu, She MARY - Ann. (formerly Mayer).

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HORNEY - Anna beloved sister of Sally. Died peacefully January 28th. Thenkrylving Service at Upper Sally February 10th. No flowers but densitions to The Artists General Benevolent institution. Burilogion Money 1 Carlon. Burilogion Money

KAHAN - Valerie Juliet.
Cherished and dearest daughter of Lady Bagit and sister of Patricia Fleur.
passed away at her bone in Vermont USA of Jamany 22nd. 1996, surrounded by her devoted and Joving children and grandchildren. We are all hearthroban may darling Valerie resipencefully.

KIRK-BELL - On 28th January, as a result of a road braffic accident. Roper Janes of Cuckfield. Sussex. bushand and best friend of Ste for the last twenty fire years Service of Thanksgiving on Monday Sha February at Holy Trunky Church. Cuckfield at 12 thom. No flowers please, but donations if desired payable to NSPCC. c/o P & S. Gallagher. Fraser House. Triungle Road. Haywards Hegth. West Sussex. 8816. 48W. tel. (014441 451166.

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MACDONALD - On 29th January 1996, aged 76, Major Graeral John M.L. Macdonald, A.O., M.B.E., R.F.D., E.D., of Wallshedeh, N.S.W., Ambraga (and afte of Ballistuigs. Perthabite, Scotland). Served Black Watch 1938-48, and A.D.C. to R.M. the Oness 1971-75. Watch 1938-48, and A.D.C. to H.M. the Queen 1971-73. Loved husband of Jean, and proud father, of Loutas. Marion, Hannah, Eyrsty, Sandy and George. The funeral and service of husburghving will be held at the Charch of the Assension, Wallabedish on Saturchy 3rd February 1996.

MELVILLE - Jose Emerico Géodeza) pescatally et bosse in London on 28th January 1996, apod 71. after a long illness borne with sutustanding courage. Introduce and grandmother of Charlet, David and Caroline and grandmother of Charlette. Thomas, Josephine and Emiss. In accordance with her wishes, ber body has been domaind for medical research, but there will be a Remembrapor Service at Surnham-on-Crouch in the spring. Donadous, if desired, will be welcotted by All Salms'. Creases Perceial Church Council, c/o the Hon Treasurer. S Farnham Road, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex CMO SEJ.

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Schintzinder - Dorothy passed peacefully away at her home in Pasadena, Camoria, on January 21st 1996 following a short but courageous battle against cancer. Beloved wife of Joseph and mother of Joan, George and Robert. Memorial Service at her home in Pasadena on February 2nd 1996. No flowers but donations to English Speaking Union Scholarship Fund, Commonwealth House, 37 Charles Street, London W. KELTON - Barbara on January 27th Barbara on Barbara on January 27th Barbara on January 27th Barbara on Barbara on January 27th Barbara on Barbara

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BUTCHELL - John middenly on January 26th 1996. Beloved husband of Margaret, devoted father of Singa. Caroline and Emma. Requiem Mass to be held at The Church of Our Lady Immaculate, New London Road, Chelmsford, on Friday 2nd February at 10 am. Solicwed by cremation. R.I.P. Floral thousa of it preferred donations to The British Heart Foundation of O T. Pennack & Sons. Fumeral Directors. 1-3 Madden Road. Great Baddow. Chelmsford CA2 TDW.

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VICKERS - On January 28th peacefully at home in Norfolk, Brigadler Sin Vickers D.S.O., O.B.E., march loved bustoned of Vickers D.S.O.

WHEELER - On Sunday January 28th, beacefully at Warren Lodge Care Home. Howard aged 86, beloved husband of the late Cysikia and father of Simon and Allson. Funeral at Easthampstead Crematorium, Bracimel, at 2pm on Thesday February 6th, No flowers, Donations, if desired, to The Stroke Association.

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WHITE - John Graham, studienly at home on 25th January Much loved and sadiy missed by Mireille. Doublings and side and sadiy missed by Mireille. Doublings and Stickle. and all his family and Stickle. Browning Std February at St Giles' Church. Stoke Poges, followed by private Cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Statement. January 1996, pesceluly in her sieep. Beryl of Reignie. Surrey, in her Sird year. Formerly headmistress of Priends School, Ackworth and Reignir County School for Girls. past president of The Headmistresses Association. Cremation private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES MORLAND - Requirem Mass for Alica, wholev of Sir Cacir Morland, who died on Christmas Day, will be held at 12 mots the Constitute the Smithenfair Conception, Farm Street, (entresse at 114 Mount Street) on Thursday February 18m. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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### **OBITUARIES**

Marcia Davenport, novelist and biographer, died in Monterey, California, on January 16 aged 92. She was born in New York City on June 9, 1903.

MARCIA DAVENPORT always read and wrote the last line of any book first. This was because her soprano mother, while supervising endless early piano practice, would never allow her to learn the rest of a musical piece until the last phrase was perfect. "Whatever it is you do, the last impression is what people remember," she said. "Begin well with attack and accuracy. Drive it through. But, whatever else, make the end the best. Know exactly what you

are aiming for and finish with a bang."
With the collapse of communism, and in particular with Václav Havel's velvet revolution" of December 1989. Marcia Davenport's last years were rewarded in a way that even she could not have foreseen. Her biography Mozari, originally published in 1932 and continuously in print ever since, ensured that she would always have personal recognition; but to be able to witness in the bicentenary year of Mozart's death a 1991 production of Don Giovanni in Prague - the city where 60 years before she had done her research - was a reward for which even she in the dark years had scarcely dared to hope.

But Mozart was not her only claim 10 fame. Her world bestseller The Valley of Decision, the story of the growth of the steel industry set in Fittsburgh, during the years 1873-1941, was first published in 1942. It included vivid portraits of Czech and Slovak immigrant workers and it was not surprising that, after being translated into 11 other languages, the Czech edition of 1947 — the year before the Communist takeover — was a huge success (a year later it was banned). Marcia Davenport lived to see it on sale again during "the Prague spring" of 1968, only to watch it once more officially blacklisted (this time with the plates destroyed). But she had the last laugh - in 1990 supervising an entirely new Czech translation and living to see it become a commercial success.

Her autobiography Too Strong for Fantasy (1967) is often said to be the last book she wrote. The Czechs, however, know otherwise. In 1990 Jan Musaryk: Posledni Portret (A Last Portrait) appeared on the streets of Prague with an initial print run of 100,000 copies. Its author, combining five later chapters with one written earlier, had managed to give back to the Czech people a piece of their history which she knew all too well and which had been denied to them. Throughout the October of 1990 she was back in Prague, her visit coinciding with the opening of a Jan Masaryk exhibition. The United States Ambassador, Shirley Temple Black, noted she was the first to sign the exhibition's guestbook: 'She just wrote her name, 'Marcia Davenport', and beside it the one word. Returned'."

A passionate supporter of the prewar Czech Republic. Davenport in 1939 had broadcast from New York in Czech,

### MARCIA DAVENPORT



parroting the translation of her written words until she learnt to speak the language. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Minister to the Court of St James. would send her information from London by whatever safe diplomatic means he could devise. She was to meet the man who eventually became her lover for the first time in New York in November 1941, two weeks before Pearl Harbor and four months after full British recognition of the Benes-Masaryk Provisional Government-in-

Masaryk himself broadcast weekly from London throughout the war. Although not the most impartial of witnesses, Davenport was in no doubt as to the effect he had: "The Czechs and the Slovaks listened to him clandes tinely on pain of death, on secret and often home-made receivers called bedspring radios." After the war, and with the restoration of the Czech Republic, she would by official invitation return to Prague to live.

But it was while in London that Davenport, in 1948, heard the news that since the Communist takeover of the Prague Government in February

she had begun to dread. According to the account given by Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart in his 1952 book My Europe: .. I was in my club in London and before half-past-ten. I was called to the telephone at once. A voice from the Evening Standard said: 'Can you tell us something about Jan Masaryk?" Why? I asked tremulously, "What has happened?' Back came the answer. 'He has committed suicide. He was found dead outside the Czernin Palace at 6.30 this morning.' With a heavy heart I went to Claridge's to see Marcia Davenport ... Jan. she said, had sent her to England with instructions to see me first and to ask me to help her see Sir Orme Sargent [Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office]. Jan was going to escape. He wanted us to think well of him. She broke down. What is the use of messages now? she sobbed, and tears filled my own eyes. I stayed with her for two hours and she

told me all she knew. Jan had sent her

to England on Sunday March 7...he

would escape later at some internation-

al conference." (They had planned to

In addition to Masaryk and her her second marriage.

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mother, Davenport had two other driving forces in her life: Arturo ("Maestro") Toscanini and Maxwell Perkins. She said that in early life music had formed "deep grooves" in her brain, so that she not only had perfect pitch: she also had perfect recall of any piece she ever heard. Through her mother Alma Gluck she had known Toscanini since she was six. On one occasion she had even listened to him conduct a performance, sitting on a pile of coats so that she could see him as well, from her mother's special box at the old New York Met. From 1927 until 1954 she attended not merely every Toscanini concert but, when humanly possible, each rehearsal for every concert as well (which in 1936 included no fewer than sixty rehearsals for Die Meistersinger in Salzburg). In the 1930s she wrote and delivered the Met Opera's intermission radio broadcast talks: she also wrote music reviews but never wrote about anything of which she had not read the score beforehand.

Toscanini would frequently call her in the small hours. She would sing down the telephone anything he asked for - once convincing him to use Mozart's Bassoon Concerto in a concert because it was her favourite instrument. The date of Jan Masarvk's death was March 10, 1948. Every year until he died in 1957, without request or explanation. Toscanini would play Smetana's tone poem Vltava at whatever concert came closest to the anniversary.

Max Perkins was an almost equal influence. At the publishing house of Scribner's he acted as editor for the company's most important authors such as Ernest Hemingway, Scott Fitzgerald and Thomas Wolfe, From moment Marcia Davenport walked into his office with the prospectus of her book on Mozart, he resolved that he would edit her, too. He read her outline from back to front, which pleased her. All he said was: "Go ahead and write it. We will publish it."

Davenport had begun writing on the infant New Yorker, gleaning material for E. B. White and James Thurber. Besides The Valley of Decision (1942). her other novels included Of Lena Geyer (1936), East Side, West Side (1947), My Brother's Keeper (1954) and The Constant Image (1960).

Davenport's mother, Alma Fiersohn, had arrived in New York from Romania aged six. She married Bernard Gluck in 1906 and was later married to the violinist Efrem Zimbalist. Her daughter was briefly married to Frank D. Clarke and then in 1929 to Russell Whipple Davenport, poet and managing editor of Fortune.

They had what she termed "a working parmership marriage" - a obrase that was not understood by many people. He believed in, and encouraged, her writing efforts but was content to be without his wife for long periods. The marriage was, as she was to say later, "an elastic band that stretched and stretched until there was no elastic left". They were divorced in 1947.

She is survived by a daughter from

### TERENCE REESE



Terence Reese, right, with his former bridge partner Boris Schapiro, in 1981

Terence Reese, bridge player, died on January 28 aged 82. He was born on August 28, 1913.

HIGHLY celebrated figure in the world of bridge. Terence Reese was considered not only one of the finest players in the history of the game but also generally acknowledged as the most outstanding writer on the subject.

He won the first of many

titles as a member of the victorious British team in the 1948 European championships, a triumph he was to repeat on three later occasions. He was Bermuda Bowl champion (the world's top event) in 1955. World Pairs champion in 1962 and World Par champion in 1961. He also won the Gold Cup (Britain's senior challenge) eight times and the Master Pairs seven

His partnership with Boris Schapiro (now the bridge correspondent of The Sunday Times) became truly legendary, in part because of what happened at the 1964 Bermuda Bowl in Buenos Aires. The pair were accused of cheating by conveying information about the heart suit through finger signals. They were convicted by the World Bridge Federation, and later acquitted after a more exhaustive investigation by a special inquiry set up by the British Bridge League. The whole

protracted affair was the card

playing world's equivalent of Bodyline. Neither player again took part in international team competition, to Britain's undoubted loss.

Several experts dismissed the charges on the ground that they were absurd: Reese was far too good a player to need to cheat. But the Buenos Aires incident led to recrimination and litigation on an epic scale. Reese himself wrote about it in Story of an Accusation.

John Terence Reese played his first tournament at the age of 14. He was a top classical scholar at Bradfield College and then at New College, Oxford, after which, somewhat unusually, he went to work for two years in Harreds.

It may have been during a

full on the counters there that Reese decided to start writing about - as well as playing bridge, for in 1938 he published his first book. He proved to be an outstanding author and was still turning out excellent books more than 50 years later. At least three of his titles - The Expert Game. Reese on Play and Play Bridge with Rees — are recognised as classics, as are the several titles in the Master Bridge Series, co-authored with Roger Trèzel in the 1970s and

Reese was also a highly regarded bridge columnist, notably in The Observer and

difficult trick of illuminating points of great subtlety with astonishing succinctness.

The criticism was sometimes voiced that a man with such a fine mind should not have devoted his whole life to a card game. But, most creditably, this former classical scholar discovered many of the arithmetical inescapabilities contained within the finite world of 52 playing

cards. Some of the concepts Reese identified and named - the 'vice", the "winkle". the "principle of restricted choice" are today common parlance among rubber bridge players. "Terence says..." has been the final arbiter of many a domestic bridge dispute.

Reese was both witty and sharp. He wrote of himself: One often hears a player say. almost as a boast. I've never read a book on bridge'. always answer agreeably. I can see." Partnering him required strong nerves and a thick skin.

In later life increasing deafness made the bridge table an uncomfortable arena for Reese, but he remained a keer golfer and backgammon player, and even wrote a book about the latter. He was also a lifelong supporter of Queens Park Rangers football team. whom he always referred to as "our boys".

Terence Reese is survived by the Evening Standard. In the his wife Alwyn, whom he latter he pulled off the always married in 1970.

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### **OLGA HAVLOVA**

Olga Haviova, political activist and wife of President Václav Havel. died in Prague on January 27 aged 62. She was born in the same city on July 11, 1933.

OLGA HAVLOVA grew up in the Prague working-class district of Zizkov, where she had a very hard childhood. Her parents divorced when she was six and from the age of 15 she took care not only of herself but of the five children of her older sister as well.

She began work at the Bata shoe factory and later earned her living as a clerk, stockkeeper and cashier. She first met the younger and much more middle-class Václav Havel in 1953 and in 1964 they were married. Later she worked as an usher in the Theatre on the Balustrade in Prague, where Havel was the resident playwright and which they both left after the

false dawn of 1968. In the period of Havel's imprisonment, starting in 1979, she worked in his place for the samizdat publisher Edice Expedice, an activity for which she was charged with subversion and interrogated for four days.

From the letters which Havel wrote to her from prison came the book Letters to Olga, today translated into many languages. At the same time she also worked with others on the production of the Original Video Journal. which tried to capture on film the grim reality of life in Communist Czechoslovakia.

In the tradition of the work the Committee for the Unjustly Persecuted, she established - once her husband was President — a new Com-minee of Good Will. In 1992 this became the Committee of Good Will-Olga Havel Foundation, and members of the committee became the foundation's board of directors. which Olga headed.

Its main aim is to help people with disabilities, or who are the subjects of discrimination, to have a full role in civic society.

After five years of work with the foundation, for which she raised nearly £15 million, she decided to initiate an annual Olga Havel Prize to be awarded to the disabled person who had done most to improve the lives of people with physical or mental disabilities. She was last year named

Czech Woman of the Year -- a



fitting recognition of someone who had become in fact as well as name (though she herself did not like the title) First Lady of the Republic. She is survived by her husband. There were no children of the marriage.

MORE JOBS FOR OVER 45s FIRMS' PREJUDICE DECLINING

After four years of effort, the officials of the "Over Forty-Tives" Association, which seeks to find work for middle-aged and aging men, are able to report that the prejudice of employers against giving elderly people jobs is being broken down. Those who have employed men recommended by the association have been so impressed by their ability and conscientious-ness that they are making further requests when suitable jobs are available. Many more

offers of employment are needed, however.
The voluntary association, which is not to be confused with the "Over Forty" Association which does similar work for women, now has 3.000 members who pay 5s a year. Last year it was finding jobs at the rate of 40 a month for men whose services would otherwise be lost to industry and commerce.

in four years, over 1.000 elderly men have been found employment: many other mem-bers found jobs by their own efforts, but there are still many who need work. Unlike an employment agency, the association makes no charge when a vacancy is filled.

All the work, until recently, has been done in the London office in Kensington, where Major J.W.R. Bathe, the honorary secretary, himself aged 80, has done noble work persuading

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In 1956, the Over Forty-Fives Association thought that the prejudice of employers against giving "elderly people" jobs was breaking down; it is unlikely that this could be claimed today.

employers to take elderly men. Now a second office has been opened in Leeds in the charge of Mr. Peter Houghton, aged 69, a former manager in industry. Eventually it is hoped to

open offices in other parts.

The Association has many former service officers and colonial and Civil servants on its books. Others, men of great experience in administration, engineering and black-coated professions have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, or are finding it impossible to live on their pensions. The artitude of these men is typified by the remark of a retired Army officer who insisted that he "must get a

job of some sort". He eventually took one in commerce, at £9 a week.

When a fruit-juice firm wanted extra men during the hot weather for their bottling department, a former naval officer was one of those who rolled up their sleeves to earn £11 a week. Many who are accepted for temporary work are eventually given permanent jobs. A group of men, taken on by an oil refining firm in this way, sent a message to the secretary

recently expressing their grantude.

A retired judge who did not serve long enough in that capacity to qualify for a pension, is now happily employed as a could not find work in his profession, is now a uniformed porter at £9 a week, with all meals provided. Engineers whose jobs abroad were 'liquidated" have been found posts at £900 a year and many of the difficulties to do with compulsory superannuation schemes have now been overcome. Some firms have made pension provisions.

The bugbear of Major Bathe's life is the employer who rings up to say: "I want a man with a pension of about £4 a week. If I pay him 55 he will be doing nicely." Major Bathe insists that there is no substitute for experience and that every man shall be paid what the job is

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What, then, of Althorp, the earl's magnificent Northamptonshire stately home? The answer is that is available for companies to rent at £3.500 a day. For Lord Spencer has discovered a truth that is dawning slowly across the breakfast tables of Britain's aristocrats: they do not need to be at home to make the best of their inheritance. In fact, absentee landlords could be the best solution for historic houses. An increasing number of grandees are choosing part-time residence as the

The logic is this: to make historic houses work as conference and corporate entertainment centres, they need to be professionally run. That means a general manager, probably with a hotel background. running a fully staffed house. Catering will be near Michelin standards; comfort ditto. You might be staying in a five-star hotel, but there will be no mint on the рШow.

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Colin Sweeney is typical of a new breed of stately home manager. He is the deputy general manager at Castle Ashby, the Marquess of Northampton's seat near Welling-

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borough, owned by the family since 1574. The house is effectively a hotel, with 26 bedrooms and 35 fulltime staff. Mr Sweeney's own training was at the Bath Spa Hotel. The marquess and his wife spend most of the year at their second country home at Compton

Wynyates in Warwickshire.
"We are very much selling the idea that when guests are here, they should consider it their home." Mr Sweeney says. "If the family were here the whole time too, it wouldn't work. People would feel as if they

were intruding."
There is a delicate balance to be struck. The family should not be reduced to little more than exhibits in a human zoo. Rather, their dignity should be preserved and the commercial logic at work should be discreet.

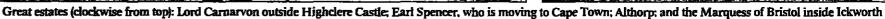
So at Castle Ashby, for example, guests pay the same whether or not the marquess downs a pre-prandial gin and tonic with them. The marquess's appearances depend on his schedule and the requests of the client. Two years ago, the board of Grand Met invited him to join them for a private dinner. There are house-party weekends at which the Northamptons are present. The marchioness led a special destressing" weekend recently because it was a particular interest.

The system works for the Northamptons. When they want to, they can use the house for their own friends, although Mr Sweeney says business comes first. If they are abroad, they can oversee the figures via the Internet or computers. The economics add up. The house costs between £200,000 and £300,000 a year to run, and now runs at a profit.
Sophie Lillingston runs a com-

pany which specialises in finding historic locations. "The system works well. It is hard otherwise to justify having full-time staff." Punters enjoy the sense that the house is still a family one and often the staff have worked there for decades







preserving that marketable "olde worlde" feel. It is not a hotel. Guests do not pay "on consumption" for their tipples. "But guests also may be intimidated if the owners were

While guests benefit, the alternative for the owners is often bankruptcy or forced sales of family heirlooms. To live in such splendour is ruinously expensive. It costs an estimated £500,000 a year to run Althorp. The Marquess of Bristol is considering moving out of his 60-room east wing of Ickworth, Suffolk, because it is too expensive. The rest of the house is owned by the National Trust. Such houses are also rarely

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estate. "It all depends on the house. At Highelere it would not make sense for the family to live there as well as to open it to the public to the

But Lord Carnarvon says he is very involved in the running of the estate and there is always a member of his family at the house. "We are absentee sleepers rather than absentee landlords," he says. 'We use the house for family lunches, birthday parties and at Christmas.

There are variations of the formula. Some aristocrats move out only at the height of the summer's tourist season. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, for example, swap their private wing at Blenheim Palace, near Oxford, for a Queen Anne house on the estate. The renting out of stately homes

run is an undoubted trend, says William Proby, the president of the Historic Houses Association. which has 1,400 members. "Owners are trying to find other income sources, be it product launches or weddings.' But he is saddened. Push com-

mercialism too far, and you could destroy that which you are seeking to preserve. "It is very difficult to combine the corporate lettings market with a family house, as we have found at our home. Elton Hall, near Peterborough," he says. "You

may actually destroy your home." To make a house work professionally, owners need a certain level of staffing which promotes a certain level of activity, Mr Proby says. Even full-time corporate venues, such as Brocket Hall, the home of Lord and Lady Brocket just 20 minutes from London, may not succeed.

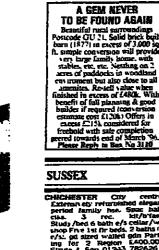
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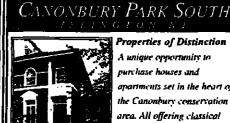
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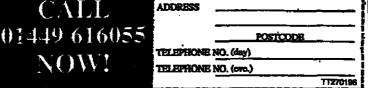
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### Evidence impugned by suspicions

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rity of police evidence and the

Mr Aylett, who appeared for the

Crown on the hearing of the

appeals, told the court that after

not think that it could contest the

appeals because it did not consider

that the evidence of the police

officers was reliable and there were serious doubts as to the

honesty of that evidence which, it

On May 24, 1993 the Court of

Appeal heard the appeal of Mr Baptiste. Among the grounds of appeal it was alleged that the

conviction was unsafe hecause the

evidence of PC Carroll and other

officers, upon which Mr Baptist

had been convicted, was tainted

consideration the Crown did

Regina v Edwards (Maxine) Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice McCullough and Sir Law-

Judgment January 261 The evidence of police officers whose testimony in other similar suspicions of perjury was impugned, even though no charges or disciplinary proceedings had been taken against the officers in ques-

tion, and a conviction based upon

their evidence could not safely be

supported. The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Maxine Edwards, on a erence by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, against her conviction in July 1991 at Snareshrook Crown Court Uudge Gee and a juryl of possessing a class A drug (cocaine) with intent to supply, for which she was to supply, for which she was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment and recommended for deportation A confiscation order was made in

Mr Nicholas Fooks for the appellant: Mr Kenneth Aylen for

LORD JUSTICE RELDAM giving the judgment of the court. said that on September 18, 1990 Detective Constable Gillan and of the drug squad from Stoke Newington police station, arrested the appellant on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a controlled drug.

At her trial the appellant denied that she had ever been in possession of the drugs allegedly found in her pocket and said that she had refused to sign DC Gillan's account of the conversation in the police car because she had not made any oral admissions. maintained that the officer had made them up in order to secure her conviction.

She was convicted and her applications for leave to appeal were refused. Her case was subently referred to the Court of Appeal by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

The appellant was one number of persons who had been convicted on very similar evidence and who had complained that the charges against them had been fabricated. An investigation, code named Jackpot, was undertaken DC Gillan and PC Carroll were two of the officers whose conduct came under scrutiny in the course of the Jackpot investigation.

The juries in two cases in which PC Carroll gave evidence did not the defendants. Two further cases, ing officer, did not come for trial

by the refusal of juries to accept the evidence of those officers in other Operation Jackpot had resulted in two or three officers being sus-Counsel for the Crown in that pended and other officers being

case conceded that if the material transferred to other duties. The in respect of the cases where the prosecutor offered no evidence and juries acquired had been available to be put before the jury who tried the appellant, it might very well the charges against them were On March 2, 1993 five appeals have affected their assessment of were heard together by the Lord Chief Justice (R v Brown (Everard). the credibility of the officers in question and indeed the Crown R v Kingsley, R v Oderinde, R v would not have sought to proceed Carter, R v Tulloch). They were all with the prosecution. Therefore it was conceded that the Crown concerned with drug offences, based on evidence from officers of the drug squad of Stoke Newcould not resist Mr Baptiste's

> In the instant case Mr Aylett was not prepared to concede that the conviction was unsale. Operation Jackpot had now concluded and no charges or disciplinary proceed-ings had been taken against the officers who had arrested the appellant. The cases in which the Crown Prosecution Service had offered no evidence resulted from a policy decision taken to prevent a possible miscarriage of justice.

In the cases where the jury had acquirted, although PC Carroll had been a witness, his evidence was undermined for other reasons than the finding of drugs. Nevertheless as stated above, on the hearing of Mr Baptiste's appeal, counsel had conceded that, if the material in regard to those cases had been available it might very well have affected the jury's assess

ment of guilt. While there was much to be said for Mr Aylett's approach, the fact remained that in 1993 the degree of suspicion of the trustworthiness of the evidence of PC Carroll, and those with whom he was working from day to day, was such that the Crown considered convictions based upon that evidence could not

safely be supported. When once the suspicion of perjury started to infect the evidence and permeated cases in which the witnesses had been involved, and which were closely similar, the evidence on which such convictions were based was impugned, to the extent that it was in the cases where

appeals had already been allowed In such cases it was impossible to be confident that had the jury which convicted the appellant known the facts and circumstances in the other cases in which PC Carroll was involved, they would have been bound to convict. That. in their Lordships' view, was the appropriate test.

In the instant case, the only

evidence that the appellant had ssession of crack cocaine came from the two police officers. PC Carroll's evidence was impugned and in all the circumstances the conviction was unsafe. Accordingly, the appeal would be

Solicitors: Porters, Tottenham Crown Prosecution Service. Headquarters.

### Establishing limits of estuary

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Kingston upon Hull City Council

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment. Ex parte Bristol City Council and Another

Refore Mr Justice Harrison **Budgment January 20** 

Member states had a discretion when deciding how to establish outer estuarine limits for the purposes of article 2012) of the EC Urban Waste Water Directive 1991/271 (OJ 1991 135/40) but the breadth of that discretion did not embrace consideration of the cost of treatment of the waste water to be discharged.

Mr Justice Harrison so held in the Queen's Bench Division when ing applications by Kingston upon Hull City Council and Bristol City Council together with dspring District Council for indicial review of the decisions on May 18. 1994 of the Secretary of State for the Environment when establishing the outer estuarine limits of the Humber and Severn Estuaries and when designating high natural dispersion area within those estuaries under the Urban Waste Water Treatment (England and Wales) Regulations (S) 1994 No 2841). Those regula-tions implemented the provision of the EC Urban Waste Water Direc-

tive in the United Kingdom. The issue between the parties

secondary treatment level of household and industrial sawage as required under the legislation.

As all the relevant discharges of vaste water within the applicants' jurisdiction were above a certain level the potential for only primary treatment of it, existed only if the discharges were in high natural dispersion areas in coastal waters rather than within estuaries.

The secretary of state contended that he was permitted to establish the outer estuarine limit in such a way as to be cost effective in circumstances where there would be no adverse environmental

Miss Genevra Caws, QC. Mr Philip Sands and Mr Jonathan Marks for the local authorities: Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the sec-MR JUSTICE HARRISON said

that Miss Caws had submitted that in establishing the outer limit of an estuary it was necessary to apply objective criteria. A criterion based on the salinity of the receiving waters should have

been used or one based upon the topographical features of the iving waters. There was not an unlettered discretion in establishing the outer estuarine limit, she said, and cost was not a relevant

The secretary of state submitted, inter alia, that the directive conained no criteria for ascertaining the outer limit of the estuary and

nothing wrong in using the man-made topographical leatures of bridges to define the limit and that he was entitled to take the high cost of secondary treatment into

His Lordship said that article 2(12) of the directive did not specify any criteria which a member state had to apply when establishing an outer estuarine limit, if it had been intended that salimity or 1000%raphy had to be used as a criterion the directive could have said so.

The fact that no criteria were specified led his Lordship to the conclusion that it was intended that member states should have a discretion in deciding how to establish limits.

His Lordship did not therefore accept that salinity or topography had to be used in establishing those limits. There were, however, criteria which could be used in establishing those limits because they were obviously relevant siderations when identifying the true limits of an estuary.

The important point was that there had to be genuine and rational assessment in each case of what actually constituted the estuary, having regard to all the the characteristics of the area of water in question and to the purpose of the directive to prevent adverse environmental effects. In his Lordship's judgment the

cost of treatment of the waste water was not a refevant consideration in

either was or was not an estuary regardless of what it would cost to treat waste water discharged into

The directive said that discharges to estuaries over a certain amount had to be the subject of secondary treatment regardless of whether or not those discharges were into high natural dispersion

It would be quite wrong to redraw the boundary of what would otherwise have been a genumely assessed estuary for the purpose of the directive in order to escape the clear requirement of the directive.

If cost considerations were allowed to permit boundaries to be redrawn the result would be the establishment of estuaries which were not really estuaries at all but areas of water defined in such a way as to avoid the obligations need by the directive.

His Lordship was satisfied that cost considerations played a major role in the respondent's decision. The only explanation for the decision had been one of pragmatism based on the cost of providing secondary treatment and consideration of its environmental consequences. In his Lord-ship's judgment that approach vitiated the decisions.

Solicitors: Mr P. M. Barker, Kingston upon Hull, Mr D. Lewis, Bristol and Mr T. Simpkin, Weston super Mare: Treasury

### Omissions lay judgment open to serious criticism

Meredith and Another v Wm A. Merrick & Co (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice

Thorpe [Judgment January 25] Failure by a judge deciding a case of professional negligence by solic-nors to refer in his judgment to crucial evidence given by the solicitor defending the action, to examine documents consistent with that evidence and to leave the resolution of an issue of alleged forgery by a practising solicitor to depend on the general burden of proof without making positive findings, laid his judgment open to serious criticism. As a result the defendants had not had a trial to which our system of justice entitled

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defen-dants. Wm A. Merrick & Co. a firm of solicitors, from the decision of Judge Rudd, sitting as a judge of the High Court at Southampton in April 1994, ordering them to pay damages of £46,419 to the plaintiffs, Peter and Helen Meredith. A retrial of the action by a High Court judge was ordered.

Mr Martin Fodder for the defendants; Mr James Leonard for

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the plaintiffs' claim was that the defendants had been negligent in procuring a payment of £38,000 account, where it was almost immediately lost, instead of into

their personal bank account. The defence was that the payment had been made by the solicitors in accordance with the

plaintiffs instructions. The outcome of the case essenrially depended on what had taken place between the parties on two dates in December 1988.

The judge's treatment of the events of those days was open to a number of serious criticisms. It was incumbent on him in deciding crucial guestions of fact to refer to vidence from the defendants and the fact that he did not do so and notes with which their evidence was entirely consistent, cast doubt on whether he had properly evaluated that evidence or appreciated

The judge's decision gave rise to a feeling of deep unease. He had referred in very disparaging terms to evidence given by the defendants' senior partner who, whatever the judge might have thought of him, was unable to give relevant evidence as he had played no part

But the most serious criticism was that the judge failed to face up to the most important part of the case: the plaintiffs' allegations of a forged attendance note.

in the events.

It was incumbent on him to make a positive finding one way or the other on allegations as serious as those, especially when made against a practising solicitor. On the matter as a whole it was

tably to be concluded that defendants had suffered a substantial wrong in that their case on crucial issues in the action had not been fully or properly idered in the court below They had not had the trial to which our system of justice entitled them. Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Pinsent Curtis; Jasper & Vincent, Southampton.

#### Ingredients of liability for business rates occupier liable to business rates as

Hampson (trading as Abbey Self Storage) v Newcas upon Type City Council Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Evans and Lord

Justice Roch **Judgment January 18** 

The legal possession of land alone occupier liable to business rates. The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by Douglas Hampson, trading as Abbey Self Storage, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Mac-pherson on November 24, 1994 of his appeal by way of case stated from the decision of Newcastle upon Tyne Justices issuing a distress warrant for £39,265.17 for non-navment of business rates in respect of part of premises at Forth Street, Newcastle.

Mr George Bartlett, QC and Mr Christopher Boyle, neither of whom appeared below, for Mr Hampson: Mr Nigel Macleod. QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Christopher Lewsley for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that Abbey Self Storage took possession of the premises on June 17, 1989.

It provided self-contained storage space for both domestic and commercial customers in individual lockage storage cubicles as well as industrial and storage space let on conventional terms.

For rating purposes the premises were divided into seven separate hereditaments. The local authority set a rate and demands were sent. There was no dispute as to liability to rates in respect of areas 1, 2 and 3.

However, Abbey Self Storage disputed liability on the basis of non-occupation in respect of areas 5, 6 and 7 and between June 17 and July 7, 1989 in respect of area 4. Area 4 was used from July 7, 1989 following the installation of cubicles, electrical, security and heating services. Area 5 was empty in 1989. It had been available to let unconverted. It was finally let between April 4, 1991 until March

4, 1992 Area 6 comprised open

space. Area 7 was partially let to self-storage customers from February 2, 1991. The first question posed by the

justices was whether they had erred in concluding that there was rateable occupation in respect of areas 4, 5, 6 and 7 on the basis of their finding that Abbey Self Storage had maintained a continuing intention to use those areas

within the main business". Mr Justice Macpherson rejected the submission that intention to use the areas within the main storage business was not sufficient to satisfy the "occupation" criterion section 16 of the General Rate Act 1967 since he found the present case very close to, if not on all fours with, R v Mellarden [1907] I KB

His Lordship was unable to accept the submission on behalf of the local authority that there was no need for any overt act for there to be rateable occupation. In Ryde on Rating and the Council Tax (Issue 0, volume 1. section B at paragraph 61) four ingredients were given to make an

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follows: actual occupation or possession; exclusive for the particular purposes of the occupier, pos-session to be of some value or benefit to the possessor and that the possession was not for too transient a period.

The ownership by Abbey Self Storage of the areas in dispute did not make them occupiers for the purpose of rating law since the first and third ingredients were miss-ing. The legal possession of land alone was not sufficient to make an occupier liable for rates.

Furthermore in the Court of Appeal Mr Bartlett had referred to Arbuckle Smith & Co Ltd v Greenock Corporation [1960] AC 813) which had not been cited below and which provided in-superable difficulties to the local authority.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Smart-Smith delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Mrs Valerie A. Dodds, Newcastle upon

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iz Forgan said a funny thing the other day. Speaking in Dr Johnson's house, at Radio 4's party to launch the 1996 Reith Lectures (The Language Web begins on Tuesday), the managing director of BBC Radio declared that anyone making jokes about dogs walking on hind legs

would be swiftly shown the door. Lord Reith, a man of the wireless age, might not have agreed with Dr Johnson's cruel comparison of women preaching with dogs walking upright. Yet even he might have been startled that the Reith lecturer should be a woman. Dr Jean Aitchinson, an Oxford linguist, is only the second female to achieve the honour since the series was begun in 1948 by Bertrand

Reith would certainly have been surprised by the eminence of Ms Forgan. Many decades and 15 BBC chairmen were to pass by before the corporation allowed itself the novelty of a woman on its board of management

Women on top, yes, but not very many. Their scarcity helps to explain why — equality supposed-

 the success of a female is still so newsworthy. It also explains, if not justifies, such blatantly discriminatory stratagems as all-women shortlists and women-only book prizes.

But women in public life have more than curiosity value. They make good illustrations. A woman's face brightens any page, any magazine cover, any news bulletin, any advertisement. I recently overheard a media reporter waxing enthusiastic because the outcome of some trade competition or other had created the opportunity to photograph a model in bridal dress. "How often," he exclaimed. "can you get a woman's picture on the business page in something other than a suit?"

Their photographic usefulness burdens women in public roles. Appearance and clothes count the way they don't for men. Accordingly. Ann Widdecombe is ridiculed and Harriet Harman is not.

As Tony Blair's Spitting Image puppet declared on Sunday, there is no way that Harriet is going to be sacked "because she looks nice". (And the Princess of Wales's personal troubles are compounded by her awareness that the camera

is her only unreserved admirer.)

There is no way, therefore, that the media are going to become gender-blind. Certainly not if the current crop of women comics carry on. A shrewd eye, an acid tongue and impeccable timing, you would think, would be sufficient to show that stand-up comedy is no male prerogative. But no. The effort goes in to trying to make men uncomfortable — the troubles we girls have that you louts know nothing about!

What an overdose of oestrogen we had last weekend. ITV's surreal Pyjama Party was bad enough. with its frilly nighties and fake giggles. Channel 4 offered, in succession, the American import,



**BRENDA MADDOX** 

Cybill, where the sulky daughter Zoey spells out for her dimwit father that her menstrual cramps mean that her uterus is sloughing

Then the star of another bit of Americana, Roseanne, quipped about preparing her nipples for lactation by rubbing them on a cheese grater. On then waddled Jo Brand to make jokes mainly about her size but also one about mastectomy prostheses. It was all

about as funny as a Women's Studies seminar, laced with a selfloathing of the female anatomy. Twas not enough. We then got

The Girlie Show - the first of Show Women Beliaving Badiy up in scanty clothes and making seeking to do, to lure them into ribald remarks about that alien species, men. But as the mainly a and sports pages, or the Internet? male audience leered and hooted and the females strutted their Lycra, one could only wonder. Who was stalking whom?

No aspect of political correctness irritates me more than the campaign to persuade women that they ought to ogle body parts because many men do. Washing my hands in the ladies' loo at BBC Wales last week, I found myself looking at a pasted-up magazine photo of two tall young men in shorts on a harbour dock. Puzzled, I then noticed that the shorts were wet and clinging. Geddit? Because

to reclaim our cars from the garage, it is only fair that we should do the same to them.

But if not pin-ups, what? What, to quote Freud's famous confession of ignorance, do women want? How, as the media are desperately male preserves like the business

ell, not by giving them a whole radio station. The falling audience figures for the women-centred Viva! (963mw) attest to the basic boringness of the format. But women's magazines are something else again, and the much-maligned teenage magazines, such as Sugar, Mizz, Bliss and Shout, come as close as you can get to answering Freud's question.

Now I quite believe Peter Luff, MP for Worcester, when he tells

will introduce next Tuesday is not to censor these teen magazines. He wants simply to have them labelled with the age of their intended audience so that parents and teachers will pay some atten-

tion to what is inside. So they should, and it may not be what the alarmists suggest. What these little essays on erections, wet dreams and testosterone, adorned with naughty titles such as "Men Unzipped" and "Boys Bits", tell me is that what 1990s teenage girls want is sexual information and advice in quite explicit form. They make clear the moral of the case of Sarah Cook, or the runaway 10-year-old pregnant girl in Texas: that female bodies mature a lot earlier than the Daily

Mail thinks they should. These teen magazines also make it very clear what girls don't want. Like Sarah Cook, they want not to be laughed at for being fat and spotty. They don't want a broken heart. They want to catch and hold their boyfriend, not, as The Girlie Show boasts, to make him nervous. In short, they want to be

### Beware of the press watchdog

Brian MacArthur looks back over the

PCC chairman's first year in office

came chairman of the Press Complaints Commission a year ago, his appointment was dismissed by some on the Left as another calculated attempt by the Fleet Street establishment to calm Parliament's fears about the over-mighty press.

Too many backbenchers had passed the point at which they might have been mollified by "Good Old John", said Roy Hattersley, the veteran Labour MP, author and journalist.

Yet a year on, Mrs Thatcher's "fixer" - Lord Wakeham was her Chief Whip and Leader of the House - seems to have fixed it yet again. Within 12 months the issue that has dominated the relationship between Fleet Street and Westminster for more than a decade - the threat of statutory curbs on the press — seems to have been decisively resolved in favour of self-

When you meet Lord Wakeham, it is not difficult to understand why he has put up such an impressive performance. There is a calm determination, self-assurance and steel about the man that must have been forged from his traumatising experience of the Brighton bomb, where his wife was killed and he was trapped under rubble for seven hours and nearly lost his legs.

He arrived with a strategic plan and one by one he ticks off the items on his agenda from a year ago. "I had first to ensure that the Government, the public and the House of Commons - and in that order - thought that the PCC was a serious organisation doing a reason-

So the first job was to ensure the PCC's independence from the newspaper industry. That was done by appointing three independent members - Lord Irvine of Lairg, Sir Denis Henderson and Sir Geoffrey Holland - to the committee that appoints commissioners. With new members such as Baroness Smith, the widow of John Smith, the former Labour leader. or Sir Brian Cubbon, former Permanent Secretary of the Home Office, he also increased the stature and clout of

the commissioners themselves. The second was to win back authority by avoiding off-the-cuff comments and speaking out only when the PCC had an agreed position (which, being a politician, he usually cleared with editors and proprietors beforehand). That enabled him to offer warnings about the privacy of lottery winners and the protection of Prince William when he went to Eton (a policy subsequently used to protect the sons of Tony Blair and Harriet Harman).

Still more important for Wakeham, who had seen how tenaciously tabloid editors fought back when they were about to be criticised, was to get editors themselves to take the PCC seriously. That occurred in spades, and followed a meeting over breakfast, when Rupert Murdoch unprecedentedly supported a criticial adjudication against the News of the World for invading the privacy of Countess Spencer, the Princess of Wales's sister-in-law.

He publicly rebuked Piers Morgan. who was then its editor. Morgan, said Mr Murdoch, chairman of The News Corporation, parent company of the News of the World, The Sun, The Times and The Sunday Times, had gone over the top. It would not tolerate its papers bringing popular journalism into disrepute.

An organisation once derided as a "toothless watchdog" had suddenly got real teeth. That, for Lord Wakeham, was the "defining moment" of his first year. "Editorial freedom is fine but the statement by Mr Murdoch demon-strated that the standards by which we wish to be judged go wider, that an institution depends on the maintenance of those standards," he says. It was the Murdoch endorsement, ac-



Lord Wakeham remonstrates with the press over codes of practice

the PCC was "serious and for real".

What Wakeham has brought to the PCC are the skills of an astute politician who knows how to work Westminster and Whitehall. As a former Chief Whip, he also knows when to be brutally frank with editors or ministers, as he has, and when to lay on the charm, as he does.

cording to Lord Wakeham, which 3732), which gets up to 150 calls a week, finally persuaded the Government that he has used those skills to warn editors privately when they have been in danger of trespassing against the code. He has also visited editors and encouraged them to ring him when they have doubts about the ethics of news stories, a service which several

At The Sun, the verdict of the Editor, Stuart Higgins, is that Wakeham has done a very good job without being obtrusive. "His office has worked closely with me and senior colleagues when things were a bit touch and go. Our regular conversations have dramatically reduced the number of complaints, with the vast majority

being resolved without being upheld." A few editors still worry that a political appointment has set a bad precedent for the PCC. Lord Wakeham is unfazed. He points out that he was appointed by the newspaper industry and not the Government: "Nobody could point to a single act or statement that would seem to indicate the slightest party bias. I approach this job as an impartial chairman."

### Alan Mitchell on the alcoholic fruit drinks explosion

Beer is for time things were simple. If you fancied a drink you had beer, bores as wine or spirits. Not any more. Politicians and pressure groups may be furning at the rise of "alcopops" such as the alcoholic the market lemonades Hooper's Hooch and Two Dogs, but the drinks goes pop industry knows a bandwagon when it This week Bass, the marketer of Hooper's

Wellness Drink, a wine with added vitamins B, C, E and omega-3 fatty acids, which are supposed to help to prevent heart disease and strokes. Alcoholic waters are said to be in preparation, as well as potent 30-per-cent-alcohol drinks such as Scoops, which come in ice-cream flavours.

perate attempts by marketers

to stand out from the crowd.

"Many of them are just

vile," he says. "Consumers

will try them and be disap-

pointed. I would give alcopops

But Paul Millman, the man-

claims the same thing was

one more summer."

Already, 30 alcopops are on the market. These include Sainsbury's Piranha, Tilt, an Will such offerings ever alcoholic tropical-fruit crush, collectively capture a major alcoholic strawberryades and share of the market? Com-Sub Zero, an alcoholic "soda" pared with the £390 billion we from Scottish Courage.

Amid widespread fears that spend annually on traditional alcoholic drinks, they are small beer. Alcopop sales this year could reach between £200

these drinks are attracting perhaps even targeted at million and £400 million. Yet underage drinkers, the every big company is piling in. According to David Jago, an Portman Group, the industryfunded body which aims to momote responsible drinking, IIS Mintel researcher, novel is now working overtime to lay down rules about the naming, packaging and point-of-sale promotion of such products. flavours are being used to rekindle interest in alcoholic drinks and rake in short-term profits. But he claims that But it is chasing a moving most of the new products represent no more than des-

Faced with declining beer and spirits sales, the drinks industry is unleashing a flood of bizarre new products. According to IIS (Mintel), 900 new beverages were launched in Europe last year, 25 per cent more than the year before. Nearly half were alcoholic and many sound mind-bogglingly exotic, such as Canada Atomic (an alcoholic iced tea from Molson breweries), White Moose (a white chocolate mousse dessert beer). Cran-n-Cherry (beer plus cranberries and cherries) and Double

Hooch, confirmed that it was

planning to launch new or-

ange and blackcurrant vari-

ants, while Cott Corporation,

which makes colas for Sainsbury and Virgin, enters

the fray with a vodka-laced

cola, Barker's Liquid Gold.

ed brew of coffee and stout. There are even alcoholic "health" drinks. Among the products currently on offer in continental Europe are Stark Storm rum, Dr Jekyll vodka and Fly Away - a mixture of wine and tropical fruit juices - all of which contain caffeine-rich guarana, an Amazonian plant extract presumed to deliver, along with the alcohol, a "double buzz" to every

Observer readers polled by the

National Readership Survey said

they were also Guardian readers and

cent and 37 per cent respectively.

said about lager when it was intro-duced. Alcopops ger, he says, as well as extra refreshment and the pleasure of new fruit tastes.

Simon Lester, managing director of Gold -- agrees that alcopops have passed the consumer test. So is a new category of drinks really

emerging for good?

Derek Simonds, specialist drinks researcher of Cardinal Research, traces the rise of alcopops to the "beer boredom" which he claims has set in among young adults. Jaded by the craze for all manner of highly priced bottled beers. they are, he says, looking for something new - and now marketers are giving them permission to drink something other than beer.

r Simonds describes the competitiveness as a "feeding frenzy" in which the majority of new products will fail. But there has, he says, been a real change in the market.

He points to the success of products such as Smirnoff's Moscow Mule, a mixture of vodka, lime juice and ginger beer, and Gordon's Gin Zing, another product containing guarana, as evidence that big new brands may soon be established. Such drinks may be spirits-based, he points out, but they are consumed on "beer occasions".

To judge from the way such drinks are being aging director of Merrydown everything from morning tea which distributes Two Dogs and Barker's Liquid Gold. to afternoon sports could soon be excuses for some sort of

### 1995 — A YEAR OF RISING COMPLAINTS

ONE symbol of the Wakeham regime is the publication today of the PCC's 1995 annual report. (The 1986 Press Council report was not published until 1988.). It is a glossy. designer job which shows that the number of complaints to the PCC rose 30 per cent last year to 2,508. ● About 7 out of 10 complaints concerned inaccurate reporting

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Our capacity to exploit the world's resources be-yond the point of natural renewal is leading us to the verge of a man-made catastrophe, he says. Homo sapiens could destroy entire species and trigger the sixth extinction.

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33 per cent of Guardian readers said they read The Observer. Since then, those figures have edged up to 33 per The figures are getting better, but they are still low. To me, this is the most fertile ground for them to exploit and so far they have failed,"

happen. After all, the daily title underwent a successful, though highly controversial, redesign in 1988. And it has also survived two years of newspaper price cuts without having to reduce its own cover price. A change in editor may be a partial solution to The Observer's problems, but it is not the only option. The introduction of new talent into the newsroom may also help. Another option believed to be under discussion is the merger of all or some of the departments of The Guardian and The Observer into a single seven-day

### Alexandra Frean reports on the Guardian Media Group's struggling Sunday title

### Storm clouds gather at The Observer

early three years after The Guardian acquired it, The Observer newspaper is hovering on the brink of a crisis. Sales are falling, losses are mounting, staff morale is low and its news content is deemed by many to be lacklustre. Speculation mounts daily about how long its Editor, Andrew Jaspan, 43, can survive in his job.

Despite repeated denials from its parent company, the Guardian Media Group, that there is a problem with *The Observer*, the title is clearly absorbing much of its energies. On Monday last week, Alan Rusbridger, Editor of The Guardian, took eight senior heads of department out to dinner to discuss the future of the two titles. This was followed on Tuesday by a meeting of the Scott Trust, the charitable body which oversees both titles. On Wednesday the main board met "to discuss production issues"; it met again last Monday.

The company has refused to comment on any of these meetings or on the future of The Observer.

Monday's meeting could not have some at a better time for Mr Jaspan. On Sunday. The Observer had had he strongest scoop of the day with its plash about the gagging order on ara Keays, the former mistress of



The Observer's problems, however, are not just to do with content and low staff morale. They are as much to do with numbers. The paper is thought to have lost at least £7.5 million last financial year and £9.5 million this financial year, the increase being accounted for by the staggering £2 million start-up costs of the Preview section.

Some in the industry have questioned the wisdom of management in raising the cover price from 90p to £1 in the middle of December, traditionally a poor month for sales. The price rise came just five weeks after the decision, on November II, to drop a special voucher scheme, under which Guardian readers could purchase



The Observer for 50p. In October, the last full month in which the voucher scheme was running, 46,000 - or nearly 10 per cent - of the average weekly sales of 484,236 were accounted for by "copies sold at a lesser rate", according to the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC). Small wonder, then, that in December The Observer should have lost a bigger share of its readers than any other Sunday title. Sales fell by 6.23 per cent, or 30,119, on the previous

The advertising community believes that The Observer desperately needs to push sales back to the psychologically important 500,000 level — where it stood at the time of



the takeover - before advertising yields, and hence revenue, can increase significantly. Derek Morris: joint media director

of BMP, the media buying agency, believes it is vital to find a way to make the paper survive. "With around 36 per cent of national newspaper circulation going through Murdoch titles, it is essential to our clients that we can give them access to an audience through another buying point" he says.

failed since its merger with The

Mr Jones says.

What baffles many in the newspaper industry is how the Guardian Media Group, under the stewardship of its Editor-in-Chief, Peter Preston for 19 years the respected Editor of The Guardian — could have let this

eil Jones, of the media buy-ing agency, TMD Carat, believes *The Observer* has Guardian to exploit its links with the

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The MoD is to investigate abnormalities among babies born to Gulf War veterans and claims by 700 ex-servicemen and women that they are suffering from a Gulf War syndrome ...... Page 5

#### Student fee row A proposal to charge undergrad-

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Jacques Santer will announce an EU Commission "confidence pact" to combat fears that monetary union will put more people out of work...

#### Iran's new missile

Iran has tested a new missile, the Chinese-made C-802, which poses a direct threat to oil shipping in was homosexual, Leeds Crown the Gulf, a US naval commander

### Snail makes slow march to extinction

The last specimen of Partula turgida, a small Polynesian tree snail, has died after a 10-year battle to save the species from extinction. Curators at London Zoo found the snall, familiarly known as Turgi, motionless in its perspex box. It was the size of a broad bean, lived on rotting hibiscus trees and was reckoned to move less than two feet a year ...



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La Fenice is as much a part of Venice as San Marco; and like San Marco, it belongs to us all. It must rise from its blackened nest - rebuilt just as it was... .... Page 15

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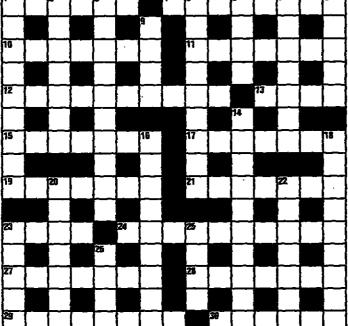
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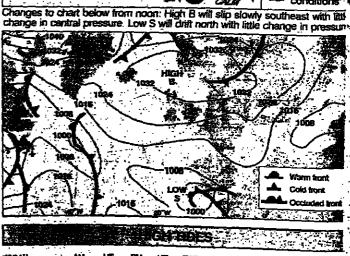
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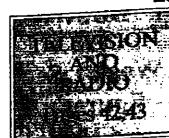
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Conglomerate unveils plan to split into four separate listed companies

# Hanson break-up stuns City

By Alasdair Murray

HANSON stunned the City yesterday by unveiling a radical break-up plan that will result in the company splitting into four separately quoted companies with share listings in London and New York.

The move comes after 16 years during which Hanson transformed itself from a family haulage business into a global force valued by the stock market at £10.5 billion.

The four new companies will comprise the company's energy, chemical, tobacco and milding materials divisions. Hanson said that it was aiming to complete the by the end of the year but the company would need clearance from tax authorities and shareholders before it could proceed.

Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson, said: "We are making this exciting and radical move to create even better

THE mighty Hanson, with-out Lord White, was always

going to be different. Just how

different became apparent

after the death of his long-

time partner, Lord Hanson

initiated the break-up of an empire founded on decades of

Fragmenting Hanson into four separate companies

could well mark a swansong

for the combative peer, 74

earlier this month, who has a

retirement. The move will

ensure that the Hanson of old

passes with him into history.

Lord Hanson, who has run

the Hanson conglomerate as

a personal fiefdom, talks en-

thusiastically of four mini-

Hansons, spanning bricks, electricity, chemicals and to-

bacco, and destined to become

substantial public companies

in their own right. He intends

The seeds for the Hanson

empire were sown in 1964,

when James Hanson and

Gordon White took control of

to shape the dismantling.

that its existing debt would be divided between the four new es will continue to be built up by investment, acquistion and increased capital expenditure companies.

its full-year results.

to deliver future growth." Hanson is employing Roth-schilds and Hoare Govett as advisers, but has not ruled out new advisers acting for the demerged companies as they prepare to float.

The company is unable to put a figure on total costs at this stage but described them as "containable". Estimates, including tax bills, put them in the region of £120 million to E150 million.

The City applauded the demerger decision and at one stage Hanson's shares reached 230p, up 15.5p, before slipping back to close at 211p. But credit rating agencies such as IBCA, Standard & Poors and Moodys expressed concern about the implications for the demerger and

the Wiles Group, later to

ly influenced by the expan-

Slater, the pair embarked on a

string of takeovers on both

sides of the Adantic, moving

at a pace that left their prey

Hanson came into its own

in the 1980s, snapping up Ever Ready, London Brick,

Imperial Group and others,

and rounding off the decade

Consolidated Goldfields. The

Nineties brought change, and

by the time of Lord White's

death last August, Hanson's

American consumer business-

es had been soun-off in a \$2

The peer's last act was to

orchestrate Hanson's £2.5 bil-

lion bid for Eastern Group,

Britain's biggest regional elec-

tricity company.

Lord Hanson as ever was

intent on that last big deal.

Few could have imagined that

his own company would

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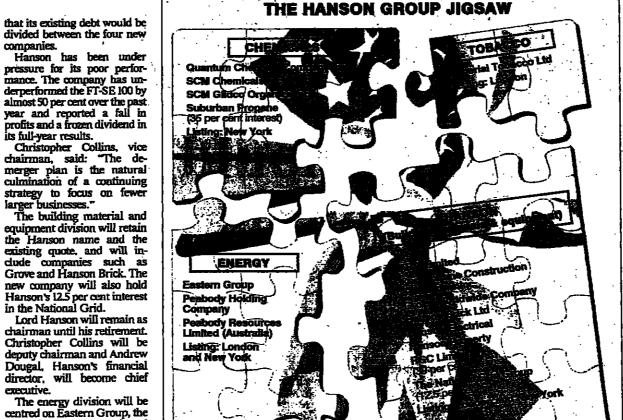
electricity company purchased last year, and Peabody, the coal company. It will be listed in New York and London. Derek Bonham, Hanson's chief executive, will step in as chairman, John Devaney will remain chief executive at Eastern and Irl Englehard will be chief executive at Peabody.

The tobacco division will be built around Imperial Tobacco and will be listed in London by September 30. Derek Bonham will be chairman, with Anthony Alexander vice chairman and Ronald Fulford chief executive.

The chemicals division will be listed in New York by September 30. It will consist of SCM and Quantum and will Surburban Î Propane. Bill Landuyt will be chairman and chief executive while Robert Lee will be president and chief operating officer.

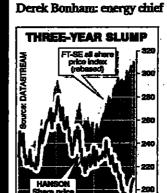
Hanson said that none of the four companies plans to raise any new equity as part of the demerger. The aggregrate dividend across the four companies would be maintained in 1996, although each company will pay a dividend relative to its own sector.

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Lord Hanson hailed the plan as an exciting and radical move



### Goodbye to the ageing darlings

HANSON'S decision to split into four separate companies appears to sound the deathknell of the aggressive

The conglomerate, a company which pursues interests across a wide range of sectors, was the darling of the 1980s and men such as Lord Hanson and Owen Green at BTR became famous. But since the turn of the decade the con-glomerate has fallen foul of a shift in City philosophy which has chosen to stress focus and investment over acquisitive growth and "milking" assets. The trend towards demerger started at the beginning of the decade with companies such as Racal spinning off Vodafone, and ICI

floating off the company's drugs division as Zeneca. These companies were often under pressure from takeover bids, and in the case of ICI it was the unwanted attentions of Hanson that prompted the demerger.
In America, there has been a

spate of demergers, prompted by the belief that a divided company will provide better value for shareholders. ITT has announced plans to float off three separate companies. It has been rewarded with a 50 per cent rise in its shares. In the UK, Thorn-EMI is soon to announce plans to float off its highly valued record division. EMI's share

price has risen 250 per cent gested its demerger options in 1993. Others, such as BT, British Gas and BAT are tipped to follow suit. But not every conglomerate has been convinced by the

demerger logic. While Hanson was unveiling its plans Greg Hutchings, chairman of Tomkins, was revealing de-tails of his latest £770 million purchase and insisting that his conglomerate was still performing.

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### **BUSINESS TODAY**

Brent 15-day (Apr) \$16.10 (\$15.90)

London close ..... \$405.35 (\$405.75) \* denotes midday trading price

### Three-way split values SelecTV at £46m

Lovejoy, was broken into three pieces yesterday and sold to Pearson, MAI and Carlton in a deal that valued the company at £46 million.

The complex process, which was designed to avoid the payment of capital gains taxes, began when Carlton Communications, the largest ITV company, bought SelecTV's cable channel for £5.2 million. After that transaction was

completed, Pearson, the media company, agreed to pay 29p a share, £46 million, for the remainder of SelecTV. Pearson will then sell SelecTV's 15 per cent stake in Meridien Broadcasting to MAI for about £30 million\_

Pearson, in the end, will own only SelecTV's production and distribution divisions, whose net cost comes to about ES million

Pearson said that it has already received acceptances for 25 per cent of SelecTV's shares. The largest amount came from Allan McKeown, chief executive, who owned just over 7 per cent. The 29p offer represents a premium of 18 per cent on the share price of October 11, when SelecTV announced that it was in takeover talks. The shares

closed yesterday at 28p.
SelecTV will not pay CGT on the sale of its Meridien stake to MAI. The tax will be paid by MAI if it sells Meridien.

Mr McKeown, 49, has re-turned to America, where he and his wife, the actress Tracey Ullman, are producing the secand series of Tracey Takes On for HBO, a cable TV channel.

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### OFT attacks hidden prices

RETAILERS could be forced by law to display the prices of warranties for electrical goods if they continue to flout the provisions of a code intended to allow customers to compare prices, the Office of Fair Trading has said.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of the OFT, yesterday attacked retailers for their failure to supply customers with price information. He said: "The considerable reluctance of many retailers to display prices consistently dies suggest that they recogost warranties represent Last May, the British Retail

sure from the OFT and intro-



Bridgeman: warned retailers

duced a code of conduct for its members, which include most of the big retailers. But OFT researchers have found that only one third of retailers visited actually displayed

Less than half the branches of Currys and Comet did so for televisions or washing machines. Only 40 per cent of retailers provided takeaway

eaflets with prices. An estimated five million warranties are sold every year to cover the cost of potential repairs to electrical goods. Some retailers earn a significant amount of their profits from the sale of warranties. But the cost to the customer is frequently three or four times the average cost of repairs.

Mr Bridgeman yesterday told retailers that if there were not "substantial improvements" by May, he would ask the Department of Trade and Industry to make a pricemarking order, requiring retailers to display prices.

### QE2 director gets £232,000

JOHN OLSEN, the director of Trafalgar House who resigned after the disastrous rehit of the QE2 as it embarked on its world cruise last year,

is to receive compen for loss of office of £232.000. Mr Olsen's payoff is less than the £290,000 he earned in the whole of the previous financial year. He was paid £163,000 for the eight months of the current year that he worked before departing at the end of June.

Mr Olsen left after an illfated QE2 cruise, started before a £30 million refit was finished. The company paid refunds of £8,000 and offered alternative cruises to 500 passengers left behind.

### Alliance unveils float today

By Patricia Tehan and Anne Ashworth

ALLIANCE & Leicester Building Society will today an-nounce plans for a £2.5 billion flotation, intending to beat rivals Halifax and Woolwich to the stock market. Alliance & Leicester has been

working on flotation plans for months. It will hold an extraordinary meeting of voting members towards the end of this year and believes it will be ready to shed its mutual status, convert to bank status and float by March or April next year, months before the other two. Qualifying members will each receive free shares worth an

average of about £900. It has held lengthy discus-sions with the Building Societies Commission and a draft of its transfer document is being

finalised. After members have voted, there is a 13-week period when the BSC will listen to representations from members before confirming that the society can go ahead with its plans. The society would not vesterday confirm

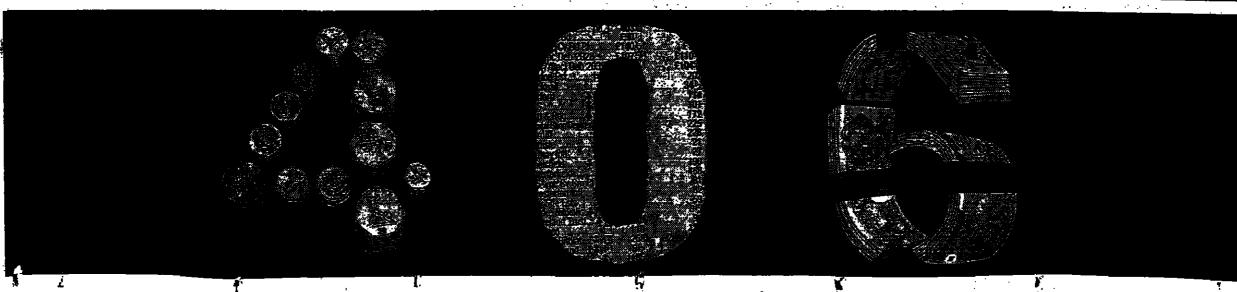
the timing of any disclosures. The Alliance & Leicester has already gone some way to its goal, having acquired Giro-bank in 1990. The stock market valuation of the whole group is estimated at about £2.5 billion based on current market estimates.

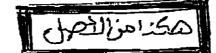
The flotation means a free share bonanza for the Alliance & Leicester's three million eligible members, those savers and borrowers with voting rights. However, only those

who were with the society at December 31, 1995, will qualify. Alliance & Leicester share accounts, those which carry votes and the right to benefit from flotation and merger payouts, were closed to new customers two weeks ago. The Woolwich is due to

make its stock market debut in the autumn next year. The Halifax, which last August merged with the Leeds, has yet to declare its date. The Woolwich, which made

its flotation announcement on January II, chose December 31, 1995 as its cut-off date, a decision which has caused considerable controversy since those who have opened accounts since then are still eligible to vote.





### Weak US figures send Dow soaring

**BY JANET BUSH** ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

WALL Street soared yesterday on hopes that the latest batch of weak economic data will persuade the US Federal Reserve to cut interest rates today.

At mid-session in New York, the Dow Jones industrial average had surged 50 points, triggering limits on programme trading. The surge of buy-ing came after a dismal confidence reading and slightly weaker than exected retail sales figures for December. Together. they appeared to confirm suspicions that the economy was losing momentum fast at the end of last year.

Total retail sales increased by 0.3 per cent in December, having risen by 0.7 per cent in November. Economists had expected a gain of 0.6 per cent in December. Yesterday's figures left sales growth in 1995 as a whole at its weakest for four years.

Meanwhile, the Conference Board reported that its index of consumer confidence had plummeted to 87.0 in January from a revised 99.2 in December. This was the lowest reading in more than 18

The market's raily yes-terday reflected belief that the Fed will now be more likely to cut rates at the end of the two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee today rather than wait for the next meeting in March.

However, others suggested that the weak data coming in for December and January may have been depressed by a number of one-off factors, including government shutdowns and blizzards which hit the east coast in January. They said that the Fed may still want to wait for more reliable evidence.

The central bank cut the federal funds rate - the rate private banks charge each other for overnight money - just last month, by a quarter percentage point to 5½ per cent. It has not reduced the symboli-cally significant but economically less important discount rate it charges banks for money since July 1992. That rate now stands at 5% per cent.

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Bearing up: Richard Johnson, left, chief executive of Wyko, the engineering group based at Dudley. West Midlands. Philip White, its chairman, and Geoff Winters, the finance director, who yesterday reported a rise in interim profits to £2.03 million, up from £740,000. The interim dividend is increased to 1p a share from 0.5p. payable from earnings of 2.74p (1.37p). The shares rose 8p to close at 95p

### KPMG breaks mould with first accounts

BY ROBERT BRUCE

KPMG has become the first large accountancy firm to publish an annual report and accounts. For the first time, speculation over partnership earnings can be claimed on actual figures.

The partnership earned total fees of £588.8 million, up 6.8 per cent on the previous year. Out of that, the 586 partners took £88.88 million. Colin Sharman, the senior partner, took some £740,000.

The report and accounts. which had been eagerly awaited, looked and read like that of similar corporate enterprises, which at least part of KPMG will become tomorrow, when its audit practice becomes a plc. Mr Sharman said: "For

PLANS for individual learn-

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of Britain's working popula-tion — the flexible workers that they are particularly de-

A new study published to-

day looks at individual learn-

ing accounts (ILAs), which

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Labour Party are examining

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Under ILAs, every individ-

ual would contribute a weekly

sum of money to their person-al training "account", and

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er. The Government is examining the possibility of voluntary ILAs, but Labour is

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the first time, the clients of a leading accountancy firm will be able to see the full financial position of one of their major suppliers. We believe our clients are entitled to expect this. We have nothing to hide, and therefore, are hiding nothing."

Books opened .....

The firm has divided its normal system for partners earnings into three categories ape the corporate format. Figures are divided between executive remuneration. which is calculated through a bench marking system run by Heidrick & Struggles, the firm

behind ILAs. In a study.

carried out by a London

School of Economics academic

and an independent employ-

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that the unemployed, people on low incomes and the self-

employed could well be ex-

Training reform

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

of consultants, pension contributions, and proprietorship The proprietorship profit

element, the report says, fell sharply during the year, re-flecting pressure on margins. The figure quoted is a fall of 28 per cent on the previous year. which reflects the competitive nature of our market place and our continuing investment in people and services", the report says.

Reading between the financial lines, analysts calculate that 428 partners earned between £100,000 and £255,000, while a further 70 earned anything up to £670,000.

This is the first time that such figures have been available, and suggests that London and the South East of England have 1.400 partners, including the other large firms, earning similar amounts.

Bouygues

stands

to show

Fr4bn loss

By George Sivell

BOUYGUES, the French con-

struction group that was a member of the consortium that built the Channel Tunnel,

said yesterday that it would report a net loss for 1995 of

about Fr4 billion, including total provisions of about Fr4.4

Bouygues. however, is to sell Fr3 billion of non-core assets in the next 18 months to

concentrate on managing pub-

lic service contracts, television

and film production, and tele-

communications. The previ-

ously announced sale of the

Grands Moulins de Paris

property is expected to contrib-ute half of the disposals.

of the company, was questioned earlier this month by examining

magistrates in France over alle

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Yesterday, M Bouygues said the inquiries would not jeopardise the company's

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Bouygues is confident of a

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political slush fund.

Martin Bouygues, chairman

billion for the year.

The only accounting firm likely to follow KPMG's example. in publishing full figures. is Ernst & Young, though, in Mr Sharman's view, all the others will have to follow eventually.

Speculation continues over the likely appointment of an auditor. The KPMG accounts were unaudited, but its new KPMG Audit plc will require an auditor. The National Audit Office of Buzzacott, the City firm of accountants, is the

### Northern Rock flawed says study lifts profits 25%

By KAREN ZAGOR

THE Northern Rock Building Society lifted its pre-tax profits by 25 per cent, to £147 million. last year on strong growth in lending. Reflecting the increase in loans, the society has raised its provisions for bad debt by 20.6 per cent. The society said that its £3.2

rose by 22.8 per cent, to £249.2

Administration costs, which

have risen steadily since merg-

er with the North of England

per cent to \$535 million.

Building Society, grew by 19.5

Northern Rock, like most

other building societies, has

heen the subject of specula-

tion that it will join its sector's

merger mania. It recently

raised the minimum amount

million, from £203 million.

cluded from ILA measures. It says that there are "submillion increase in bad debt provisions, to \$18.7 million. stantial" problems of adminiscontained a large level of tering such accounts without a general provisioning for the new loans made last year. large new bureacracy, as well as possible costs to employers that they would be likely to Gross lending in the year to pass on in terms of either December 31 rose by 40 per lower wages or job curs. cent to £2.28 billion. Assets grew by 15 per cent. to £11.56 billion. Total income

The unit says that in spite of being favoured by both political parties, little evidence exists on the impact of ILAs. Examining proposals under which employees would pay it a week and employers in into accounts, it suggests that the resulting annual total of £156 would make a considerable difference to the training market, in terms of money available to providers, but would be insufficient to provide much training for the individuals concerned.



to open a membership account to £2.500. from £250. Christopher Sharp, managing director, said Northern Rock was still attracting borrowers and savers at a re-markable rate. Thankfully last year we had no merger, takeover or conversion distractions ... though, with others, we were still the subject of idle speculation," he said. "I hope, however, that these results demonstrate Northern Rock's commitment to independence."

are different from the future of the company. He declined to comment on the inquiry, but the provisions announced yesterday, Fr3.2 billion was for property assets and Fr1.2 bilreturn to profit in 1996 of about the Fr573 million net

Sharp: backs independence

rescluding provisions it would have made a profit of about Fr400 million in 1995. Total turnover for the group was estimated at Fr81.3 billion, up 2 per cent from 1994. The group's cash stood at Fro.2 billion, equal to its outstanding debt. The company said that it would launch its mobile telephone network through Bouygues Telecom in the first half of 1996.

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### **Blue Circle submits** plan for 175-acre site

BLUE CIRCLE INDUSTRIES said some 20,000 permanent jobs could be created in a development in the Ebbsfleet Valley, north Kent, where it has applied for planning permission. A subsidiary of Blue Circle has applied for outline consent to develop 175 acres of a 435-acre site over the next two decades. The application has been submitted to Dartford and Gravesham borough councils in line with government policy and part of the Department of Environment's Thames Gateway Initiative.

The project centres on the railway station due to open in 2002 at Ebbsfleet on the new high-speed Channel Tunnel Rail Link between London and continental Europe. The plans include proposals for up to 5.3 million sq ft of commercial development and 3,200 new homes over a period of 15 to 20 years. Educational facilities, hotels, leisure, and supporting retail, social and cultural centres are included.

### **Tunnel provisions**

EUROTUNNEL'S British banks are expected to make substantial provisions against their exposure to the troubled Anglo-French Channel tunnel operator when they announce their 1995 results over the next few weeks. Eurotunnel's 225 banks are owed a total of 58 billion. NatWest and Midland are the worst hit British banks, with outstanding loans of about £300 million and £220 million respectively. Analysts said that NatWest is likely to make provisions in excess of E100 million, and Midland Bank is expected to follow suit with provisions for about 30 per cent of its outstanding loans.

### Sale for Standard bank

STANDARO CHARTERED BANK has found a buyer for its loss-making Asian securities operation in a deal estimated at £5 million. Nava Finance & Securities, a Thai brokerage house, is to buy most of the business, subject to regulatory consent. About 250 employees will move over to Nava, owned by the Thai Military Bank. Talks for Nava to buy a controlling stake in the securities operation broke down last summer. Now, Nava will take 80 per cent, and Thai Military Bank 10 per cent. Standard Chartered will retain 10 per cent because the business will still serve Hong Kong personal customers.

### Stakis could spend £70m

STAKIS, the hotels and casinos group, said yesterday that it could spend up to £70 million to buy any mid-market hotels put up for auction by Granada, which last week paid £3.8 billion for the Forte hotels and catering group. A purchase of that size would push Stakis's gearing from 30 per cent to 50 per cent. It has no intention of going beyond that level. David Michels, chief executive, said Stakis is interested in any three and four-star hotels in Britain that Granada wants to sell. Granada intends to keep the bulk of the branded, midmarket Forte chains, such as Posthouse and Heritage.

### Forte to stage meeting

FORTE'S extraordinary meeting, to be held tomorrow morning in London, is going ahead even though Granada now controls the company. But the meeting, which was called to approve the sale of Forte's roadside restaurants to Whithread for about £1 billion, may go down as the shortest in history. Granada said it will use its majority voting power to call an adjournment within seconds of the start of the meeting. The company launched its hostile bid primarily to acquire the restaurants and it has no intention of selling them.

### Copper prices inquiry

AMERICAN and British regulators are believed to be co-operating in an investigation into possible manipulation of world copper prices. The Securities and Investment Board and the Securities and Futures Association are co-operating with the US Commodity Futures Trading Association after the US regulator allegedly by-passed them and made direct contact with London-based companies. SIB is believed to have objected after it was by-passed by the CFTA and is now co-operating with the US regulator. The SIB and the SFA said there were established routes for such investigations.

### Hotel group seeks listing

MACDONALD HOTELS. a privately owned hotels group based in Scotland, is to seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange through a placing in the first half of this year. The group, which owns 16 hotels located mostly in Scotland and operates a further 53 across the UK, hopes to raise between £20 million and £30 million in new money. It will be capitalised at about £80 million. Macdonald Hotels reported pre-tax profits of E3.7 million on turnover of £28.8 million for the year ended March 26.. The company's chief executive is

### Harry Ramsden's up

THE exceptionally warm summer had a negative impact on peak-period business in key locations but failed to dent the progress of Harry Ramsden's, the chain of fish and chip shops. In the year to October I, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £1.15 million, from £950,957. Earnings per share increased to 8.5p, from 7.8p. A final dividend of 4p a share, due March 26, makes a total of 5p (4.5p). The shares rose 8p. to 3100. On Mendey, the same of the first profit of the first to 319p. On Monday, the company announced an agreement with Compass Group, the contract caterer, to open new outlets at international airports.

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### □ LORD HANSON may have The Great Unbundler

been knighted by a socialist Prime Minister, but his empire reached its apogee under Mrs
reached its apogee under Mrs
Thatcher and declined, at least in
the eyes of the City, as the
Government grew greyer. There
is a pleasing symmetry in Hanson's dismemberment into its
constituent provinces just as
Tony Blair homes on the beginner Tony Blair looms on the horizon.

First, the official chronology. The US consumer businesses were floated in June, at which time, to the outside world, Harson was still in expansion mode in spite of the dim view the institutions took of conglom-erates. In fact, in the dark basements of 1 Grosvenor Place demerger was then being whis-pered, if not actually plotted.

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But the next month saw the bid for Eastern Group, a clear diversification both into another industry and into regulated utilies. It did not find favour with the shareholders. Wall Street does not like utilities, which traditionally operate under a tighter regulatory collar in the U.S. The City merely thought Hanson had overpaid.

By December, the proposed \$1.5 billion sale of various assets had put the group in the right shape for division into four parts, and the whispers had become

corporate policy.

To the outsider, it all smacks of the Grand Old Duke of York,

this building up of a mighty conglomerate and then an expensive dismantling. But Hanson is reflecting the changed percep-tions of the investment community, travelling a path already trod by BTR, now a more focused

engineer after its own disposals, and old adversary ICI which

hived off Zeneca. Perceptions have changed because such bundled conglom-erates required perpetual motion machines to keep going, in the form of constant buying and selling. There is no longer a supply of inefficient companies to hoover up, while accounting changes have made such deals less appealing as they are re-

flected in the accounts. The problem with conglomerates is that nobody loves each and every bit of you. Within Hanson, the Americans don't like tobacco and the Brits distrust chemicals and other cyclical businesses such as building products. And neither much cares for regulated companies. Without strong growth, such perceptions outweigh other strengths, witness Hanson's dis-mal stock market performance,

held up by little more than its 7 per cent yield.

The unofficial chronology, political factors excepting, is that Lord Hanson can now complete the demerger by his swan song at next year's annual meeting, even if the tax implications are

far from worked out.

For the City, it is the deal from
Heaven, better even than Granada vs Forte because there is no reliance on success fees, and the indications are that the goodies will be well spread around the wide range of Hanson advisers. A couple more mega-bids, and 1996 may just keep pace with the bonanza year of 1995.

#### OFT warning is well warranted

☐ YOU buy a pound of mince, if the health and metrication gauleiters will let you, and it has the price stamped on it; you buy an insurance policy and ditto. It is up to you to decide what you need, and no one strong-arms you into a purchase.

So why have electrical stores such as Dixons almost come to

**PENNINGTON** 



blows with the Office of Fair Trading? The OFT has put out a strongly worded warning that unless the retailers come into line, draconian measures over disclosure of their extended war-

ranty deals will come into force after a review in May. These would compel the shops to display, alongside their tempting special offers, just how much such warranties on the equipment they sell cost, and what benefits they confer. This is broadly in line with the vol-untary code the industry has imposed on itself.

The retailers think they are already at that standard of disclosure, which begs the question why they might mind a mandatory system. The OFT

**BR** sale

raises

£2.1bn

THE break up and sale of British Rail has raised £2.1

billion for the Treasury to

date, the Government an-

nounced yesterday (Jona-

than Prynn writes). Of the

near 100 separate compan-

ies that BR was divided into,

32 have been sold, including

three rail franchises and the

three rolling stock com-panies (Roscos). Most raised

only nominal sums, but the

proceeds from the Roscos exceeded £1.8 billion. A

further six rail passenger

franchises are on the mar-

ket, including The Chiltern Railway, which was offered

for sale yesterday. The big-

gest remaining asset sale will be Railtrack, which is

billion in May. Merrill

Lynch and UBS were yester-

day appointed global man-

agers to the flotation.

says it is impossible to have proper competition, which would force prices down, when the purchaser cannot compare

those prices from shop to shop.

The first thing to know about these extended warranties is that they are almost all a rip-off, at any price. Electrical components either fail shortly after manufacture, when they are covered by the manufacturers own guarantee, or they last pretty well forever. It is the cheaper moving parts that may go wrong with continued use.

This is why, as the OFT found out, the cost of warranties is two. three or even four times the cost of the estimated average repairs the equipment might need over the warranty period.

The second is that they are

enormously lucrative for the retailers. Dixons is cagey about how profitable, but analysts' estimates suggest as much as a half of operating profit for the current year. You do not make that layed of profits he provides the layed of profits he provides the second of the current year. that level of profits by providing much of a consumer service.

The retailers are not going to be hurt even if a mandatory system is drafted in. Previous

spates of bad publicity have not dented sales, even short-term, investors should note. For the consumers, caveat emptor.

#### The currency of dreams

IT IS the topic that crops up eventually at almost every City lunch and dinner the cost, the pain, and the number of jobs left at the end of it. Kenneth Clarke insisted yes-

terday that the single European currency was still possible by the end of the decade. Those of us who live on planet Earth, how-ever, have long abandoned that timetable. What worries the City is that decisions, on investment in the machinery of conversion for example, will have to be taken long before any of the uncertainties have been resolved. Those uncertainties can be

listed thus: will it happen, when will it happen, and as a final wild card, will Britain opt in or opt out? The Futures and Options Association on Monday night staged a timely debate aimed at assessing what the City thinks

The debate was couched in terms of pure self-interest, and was all the better for it. The antis included Rodney Leach, of Jardine Matheson, Sir Alan Walters and Roger Bootle, and, in terms of arguments marshalled and the eventual vote, they won the day.

The view that grabbed much of the attention from an audience of City professionals was the fear of the Prussian jackboot. To be fair, what was meant was the fear that overly rigid German-style regula-tion would force international business out of European markets. As one example, in Frankfurt there is a 5 per cent limit on how much an individual pension fund can put into assets that are not denominated in marks. The possible parallel with the Eurodollar market, forced to London by American over-regulation, is

striking.

At the start of the evening, those who thought the City would benefit from a common currency and the agnostics balanced the antis. By the end, there were few agnostics, and the antis outnumbered the pros by three to one. It is dangerous to extrapolate from such a straw poll, but the suggestion is that there are an awful lot of swing voters undecided in the Square Mile. and a strong mistrust of EMU.

A little like the rest of the population, really.

### Tomkins agrees £768m bid for Gates Rubber

TOMKINS, the industrial conglomerate, yesterday finalised the acquisition of Gates Rubber, placing a price of £768 million on the US automotive and industrial

While rival Hanson was announcing its plans to demerge its businesses, the Gates purchase represents Tomkins largest acquisition since the £990 million acquisi-tion of Rank Hovis Mac-Dougall, the food producer, in 1992. The Gates family will become the largest single shareholders in Tomkins with about 15 per cent of Tomkins' capital on conversion. Tomkins said that the Gates family intends remaining as long-term shareholders.

The purchase means that

largest manufacturer of power transmission belts and hose

products for the automotive industry. Gates will add up to £1 billion in sales to Tomkins existing £3.7 billion turnover and the company said that the deal would not dilute

Tomkins will pay for the deal with two issues of convertible preference shares to Gates' shareholders. It will issue £461 million of shares with a dividend equivalent to a gross yield of 6.7 per cent, and £307 million with a dividend equivalent to a gross yield of 5.25 per cent. The conversion price offered for the preference shares will be 25 per cent above the average price of Tomkins' American Deposi-

Tomkins is now the world's tory Receipts (ADRs) in the America contributing around month before closing.

Greg Hutchings, chairman of Tomkins, said: "Putting £1.1

billion into Tomkins after six months spent analysing our company is a huge compliment for us." Gates made pretax profits of £56.6 million and had sales of £786 million for the nine months to September 30. The company has net outstanding debts of £158 million, which will be absorbed by Tomkins' £300 million cash

Around half Tomkins sales and 40 per cent of its profits come from the UK and the company has faced criticism over its heavy reliance on the home market. But about 67 per cent of Gates' sales are in North America, with South

7 per cent.

Gates, founded in 1911 and based in Denver, Colorado, has 21 plants in North America, seven in South America. 11 in Europe and two in the Far East. It is the largest privately held business in the world with all its shares owned by the Gates family or linked foundations. Charles C Gates. its chairman, will step down from the company but will join the Tomkins board as a non-executive director.

Tomkins' share price closed up 4.5p at 284p as the City reacted positively to the details of the deal which is expected to be closed by late

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### Bid war looms at **Lloyds Chemists**

By Alasdair Murray

A TWO-WAY takeover bid battle for Lloyds, the chemist company, is looming after Gehe, the German pharmaceutical group, admitted formally it was weighing up its position before making a counter-offer to the £540 million bid already made by UniChem.

Gehe said yesterday it had submitted a request for in-formation from Lloyds, the preliminary move to making an offer.
On the Stock Exchange

the price of Lloyds shares slipped back 6p to 444p, while UniChem retreated lp to 248p. The share price of the last few days had been fueled by speculation that Gehe would enter the take-

Analysts suggested Gehe may need to pitch the bid as high as 480p, valuing Lloyds

at £575 million, compared with the 450p offered by UniChem. This brought concern that a bidding war would result in the winner overpaying for Lloyds, which has struggled to erode the retail market domination of Boots. UniChem and Gehe each

hold around one third of the British drug retailing and wholesaling market, with Lloyds controlling six per cent. Gehe is the largest drug wholesaler in the Europe and already owns 300 chemists in the UK after the £400 million acquisition of AAH holdings

Lloyds owns 924 chemists. the healthcare store Holland vetinary medicine wholesaler and a general wholesale business.

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### SE looks at insider policy

THE Stock Exchange is examining how and when it can make public information about its formal investigations into insider trading (Patricia Tehan writes).

It would like to see clarification of what information it can make public regarding its investigations referrals.

Any such changes to its policies would require approval from the Department of Trade and Industry. Its current policy is not to comment on such work.

The Stock Exchange is believed to feel that such would help to act as a deterrent to those tempt-ed to deal on insider information.

Figurework: Royal Doulton has bought Hol-Studio, said the acquisition would enhance

land Studio Craft, a designer and manufacturer of hand-painted fautasy and novelty giftware, for up to ELI million. Stuart Lyons, Royal Doulton chief executive, right, pictured with Phillip Holland, managing director of Holland.

carnings this year. Holland Studio, which has annual sales of about £3 million, is likely to benefit from the use of Royal Doulton's international and retail distribution network. Mr Holland will stay with the company.

RIVER & Mercantile, one of the UK's largest investment trust managers, yesterday sold the management of its £28 million American Capital and Income Trust to Henderson Touche Remnant. The sale is

An announcement on the sale of the management of the £200 million River & Mercantile Trust itself is expected today. The 117-year old River & Mercantile Trust is the jewel of the River & Mercantile group. Robert Fleming, the investment bank, is tipped as the most likely buyer.

River & Mercantile Investment Management is 49.9 per cent owned by John Beckwith. the property developer, with the rest owned by the £200 million River & Mercantile Trust: Last year RMIM hired Hambro Magan, the merchant bank, to manage the

### RMIM in new trust sell-off

By CAROLINE MERRELL

another step towards the break-up of the group.

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### GM profits leap to record \$6.9bn

a record \$1.9 billion in the final quarter of 1995 and finished the year with the highest profit in the history of the world's largest carmaker. Fourth-quarter earnings

were 18.7 per cent higher than for the equivalent period in 1994 when net moome was \$1.6 billion. GM's profits in 1995 totalled \$6.9 billion, compared with \$4.9 billion in 1994, the previous record year. About 352,000 employees in the Uni-ted States will receive profitsharing payments of about

\$800 as a result. John F Smith Jr, chairman of GM, said: The record fourth-quarter and calendaryear results demonstrate the solid progress made toward achieving our goal of consis-tent industry-leading financial results, even though the overall worldwide industry was slightly weaker in 1995 than

American operations edged ahead by less than I per cent in the fourth quarter to \$603 million. But, for the year, it surged more than 250 per cent to \$2.4 billion, from \$677 million. Net income from international operations gained almost 10 per cent to \$498 million, from \$454 milfion, leading to a year-on-year gain of 4 per cent (\$1.64 billion from \$1.58 billion).

GM said that vehicle delivexies in the US in the final guarter increased to 121 million units as its market share grew to 33.5 per cent from 33.3 per cent. For 1995, US deliveries totalled almost 4.9 million units, a market share of 32.4 per cent (32.8). On Monday, GM's finance, desence electronics and computer services subsidiaries reported total profits up 13 per cent.

# GENERAL MOTORS earned during theprevious year." Net income from North



### Investors cautious over talk of US bid for Rec

could be the next utility to come under the spell of a foreign bidder.

That was the talk in the Square Mile yesterday amid claims that a consortium of international banks, including Several Japanese houses, are putting together a package on behalf of West Coast, the US utility: It has been suggested that West Coast may be ready to offer 800p a share, valuing Yorkshire at £1.23 billion.

Yorkshire is one of the few remaining independent Recs. but has been tipped as a bid target for some time. It is believed West Coast wants to raise enough funds to ensure the success of a bid.

There was certainly little in the Yorkshire share price last night to suggest that a bid was imminent with the price closing just 4p dearer at 684p.

The rest of the equity mar-

ket again lacked direction with investors still pinning their hopes on the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee signalling a cut in US interest rates this week. But ahead of today's £3 billion gilt auction few investors were willing to stick out their necks, Even so. a strong opening rise in the Dow Jones industrial average enabled the FT-SE 100 index to wipe out an earlier fall of more than 20 points. It closed 0.7 up at 3.735.3.

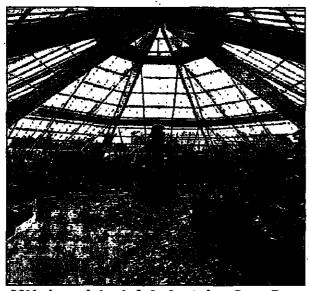
Volume reached 839 million but there was no sign of the large programme trade reported to have been carried out first thing.

News of the decision to split Hanson, the Anglo-American conglomerate, into four received a mixed reception in the City. The group proposes to split its energy, chemicals, tobacco and building materials and equipment divisions. But the group appears to

have lost much of its popularity with institutional investors. The shares settled 7p dearer at 2112p after briefly touching 220p with 114 million traded. Glazo Wellcome was sent

18p higher at 933p after Merck, the US drug group, claimed its Crixivian anti-Aids treatment produced better results when combined with the British company's AZT and Epivir treatments. Continuing worries about a

orice war among high street lenders in the wake of this week's gloomy mortgage fig-ures unsettled most of the big names. Brokers fear that margins are likely to be eroded.



S&N advanced ahead of a brokers' trip to Center Parcs

Abbey National fell another 19p to 595p, Bank of Scotland 13p to 299p, Barclays 8p to 785p, Lloyds TSB 164p to 3184p, and Royal Bank of Scotland 22p to 565p. Standard Chartered, a recent takeover favourite, hardened another 5p to 641p despite denials of any formal talks by the company earlier this week. Greenalls hardened 104p

Management, unchanged at 897p. Meanwhile, Forte was 8½p lower at 341½p after going ex the special dividend. Lloyds Chemists retreated 5p to 445p with Gehe, the German pharmaceutical distributor, confirming recent intense speculation that it was considering whether to make an offer. Lloyds is currently the target of a 412p a share

Expect positive news today on Copyright Promotions Group, unchanged at 107p. Word is that the group has obtained the exclusive merchandising rights in Britain and Europe for the Star Wars films. The trilogy has just been released and financing is in place for a further three films to be produced.

to 6082p after the steering committee of the FT-SE 100 index admitted the shares as a constituent of the index replacing Forte after its acquisition Granada. Greenalls is valued at £1.7 billion after its recent acquisition of Boddingtons. Other contenders include Anglian Water, 4p dearer at 570p, MEPC, lp lighter at 398p, Next, 2p down at 454p, and Mercury Asset

offer from UniChem, valuing the entire company at £448 million. UniChem, faced with the prospect of an expensive battle for control of Lloyds. eased up to 248p.
SelecTV, the independent

television producer, moved up p to 28p after confirming details of an agreed bid by Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times. The terms of 29p a share value SelecTV at



produces Lovejoy and Birds a Feather, will be merged w the television division of Pe son headed by Greg Dy Pearson, up 9p at 659p, 1 also agreed to sell its 15 cent holding in Meridien. independent south-corbroadcaster, to MAJ, ip fir er at 346p. The price agre values the stake at £30 milli Scottish & Newcastle. drinks and leisure gro hardened 10p to 627p ahead a trip by brokers tomorrow the group's Center Parcs co plex at Longleat. But ri Allied Domecq fell 17p to 5 on talk of a prodowngrading by Cazenove, own broker. Cazenove is puted to have cut its preprofit forecast for 1997 for about £700 million to £665

ness almost five million shares had changed hands. QS Holdings, the clothing retailer, was left nursing a fall of 4p at 38p after announcing its intention not to pay a dividend and giving warning that profits during the second half were likely to be little better than break-even. Firsthalf losses were £743,000.

million. By the close of busi-

Still reeling from Monday's profits warning, shares of Quality Software Products tumbled 135p to 355p, stretching the two-day deficit to 303p. It means that the group's stock market value of £92 million has virtually halved this week. GILT-EDGED: The market was encouraged by the disappointing increase in US retail sales. The gains achieved succeeded in wiping out Monday's losses. Investors remained cautious, anxiously awaiting the outcome of to-day's £3 billion gilt auction. Attention also remains fo-

in Washington. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt ran up £1132 to £110% as a total of 63,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 advanced £732 to £102516, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up a tick at

cused on the FOMC meeting

£104<sup>31</sup>32. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares extended their rally into midday on a conviction that yesterday's weaker than expected Government economic data made an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve all but certain. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 40.10 at 5.345.09.

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THE long awaited details of Tomkins's acquisition of Gates Corporation were drowned out by a deafening explosion from the Hanson iceberg, which is being split from top to bottom into four smaller floating islands. This is unfair to Tomkins, a successful company that deserves more attention, but the market continues to brand it with the "C" word. Conglomerates, however, can be fun to watch and there is good reason to believe that Gates, the Denver-based maker of power fransmission belts, will add value to the

ousiness is small change for a company the size of Carlton Communications. However, companies that forget to look after the pennies do not deserve high ratings, and Carlton will be hard-pressed to turn a profit from the cable channel. SelecTV Cable boasts popular programmes such as Birds of a Feather and Lovejoy but fails to make a

profit from its 900,000 subscribers, who generate some 25p each per month from cable companies that carry the programmes. Having paid £5.2 million for a revenue stream of £2.7 million a year, Carlton needs to increase the channel's popularity by extending its hours it doesn't start broadcasting until late afternoon — but

Lloyds Chemists

maceutical wholesaler, has good reasons to launch a competing bid for Lloyds Chemists, which has recently chosen to snuggle under the wing of Unichem. Last year Gehe took over AAH, the main competitor to UniChem, and, in the process, acquired a 300-strong chain of chemists. However, Gehe's main target then was the wholesaling business of AAH, which boasted a 30 per cent market share, equal to Unichem's but lagging behind in stock-management systems.

Wholesaling is all about volumes, and ownership of a chain the size of Lloyds Chemists would give AAH economies in stock control. allowing it to streamline its system further. However, Gehe is also likely to be interested in the retail chain. Oh the Continent, pharmacists tend to own their own stores, regulation prohibiting

Gates open for Tomkins enhancement. Gates is clearly growing fast-profits for the nine months to September were almost 20 per cent ahead of the return for the

entire preceding calendar year. However, the Gates margin of 7 per cent is still well behind Tomkins, offering room for improvement.

The buyer is keen to dismiss talk of savings and primaghester. and rationalisation. Tomkins sees expansion in developing countries as a route to further growth, piggy-backing on the growth of car makers as they establish plants in Asia and Latin America. However, Gates relatively low margins suggest there is scope for greater efficiencies from its 40 factories in 13 countries. The

competitors. That should

provide a boost to Flextech.

which controls The Chil-

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company. Doubters wondered whether Tomkins would overpay for Gates, but initial impressions suggest the \$1.16 billion price is convertible shares have been priced at a relatively high conversion premium of 25 per sensible, amounting to just over 70 cents per cent, a positive sign given that 60 per cent of the dollar of sales and, assuming annualised net profits at Gates of about \$75 million, an exit shares to be issued are irredeemable, leaving conversion the only exit route for the vendor. multiple of some 15 times suggesting earnings

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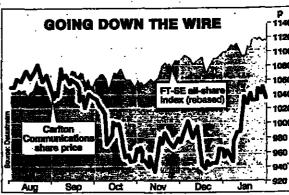
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#### Carlton

THE £5.2 million purchase price of the SelecTV cable

Using the same multiple. TCC is valued at no less than creasingly expensive. Carlton clearly believes in the long-term potential of cable channels, and, if little £36 million, a fancy price for a channel that cost only a few else, the deal helps to put a million to buy. **GOING DOWN THE WIRE** 



the creation of chains such as Boots or Lloyds. However, GEHE, the German pharthe rules are likely to change. and, having seen the potential for margin gains in owning a retail chain, Gehe will be keen to develop a retailing arm. The purchasing clout to be gained from the largest chemists chain could deliver earnings enhancement of 20 per cent to Unichem over several years, illustrating that there is plenty of room for a higher

cash offer from Gehe. Bouygues THE huge losses by Bouygues have much to do with the past, but a greater worry is the cur-

rent performance of the underlying businesses. Bouy-gues's decision to write down the group's property assets by Fr3.2 billion is a welcome return to reality. The French property market is suffering from a sclerosis caused by the reluctance of large companies, mainly banks, to mark their assets down to

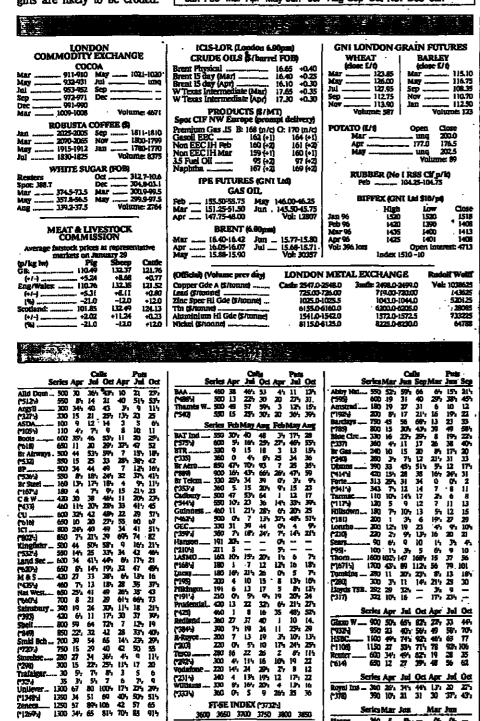
open market value. Unrealistic valuations have led to a dearth of buyers, and signs that Bouygues is prepared to accept the shrinking of its balance sheet might lead to honesty elsewhere.

More worrying is evidence that weakness in the French construction market appears to have hit Bouygue's construction margins; the company has hitherto been achieving a return on sales in excess of 1 per cent, a respectable performance in a largely unprofitable industry.

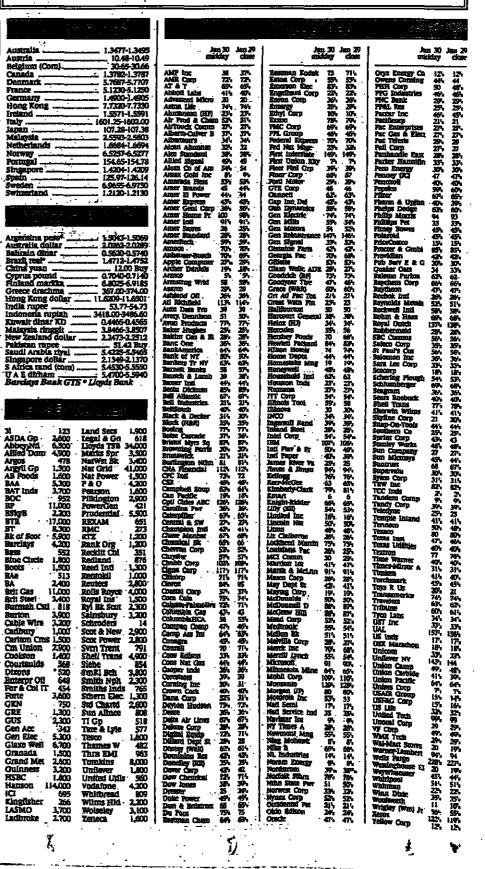
Bouygues is embarking on a Fr3 billion disposal programme, but there is no evidence that the construction. telecoms and media conplomerate is about to demerge or sell its stake in TF1. the French television channel. Prench companies like Bouygues and Générale des Eanx, have yet to feel the anticonglomerate sentiment suffered by their Anglo-Saxon.

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#### Red Arrows ground Owen

HERE'S initiative for you. Hilarie Owen, a manage-ment consultant, didn't lock berself in some dimly hit library doing research for her book, Creating Top Flight Teams, (Kogan Page £16.95), which is published tomorrow.

The book is about team effort - so what finer case study than the disciplined team work of the RAF Red

Owen, whose hobbies include flying, golf and playing the piano — "but not all at the same time" hitched herself to the squadron for two years, and did virtually everything in order to underexcept take to the skies.

At 7% stone, she was apparently too light for the Red Arrows to ensure her a safe flight, although she has been promised a trip in another jet. For her next treatise, and/or revenge, she could try Bomber Command.

#### End game

OUCH! My professional heart goes out to the au-thor whose book on Hanson, which was finished in 1994, is due to be serialised in the launch issue of Sunday Business. After Hanson's decision yesterday to split itself into four, the end is being called for.

READERS' suggestions (City Diary, January 26) to help Hanson to name a new town include: Peterborough or Southern Jimsville: White's Manor: and Gordonstown.



"Right — when do

Foreign tongues NEVER let it be said the British are totally inadequate at foreign tongues. The London Insurance and Reinsurance Market Association, is lending its support to the creation of two new language clubs that encourage the wider use of foreign languages. About 300 workers in the London market are members of the London Market Language Club, which already caters for French and German. Now Italian and Spanish can be added to the list.

### Absent guest

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, will not be packing his brown snow shoes for this year's gath-cring of The World Economic Forum at Davos.

The forum, by reput ation the exclusive thinktank, starts tomorrow and Clarke, somewhat nervous of economic experts when he first arrived at Number 11. seemed to thrive on previous Davos visits.So why has he turned down his invitation this year? Pressure of work, we're told, which is not surprising after his three-week trip touting for business in

Latin America.
This year, the British standard will be carried by, among others, Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.
Anthony Nelson, the
Trade Minister, and Michzel Portillo, the Defence Secretary. The latter may seem a strange choice at an economics forum, but the forum reserves the right to choose its exclusive guests.

COLIN CAMPBELL

### Why monetary union is everyone else's problem

Growth and votes matter more than Maastricht to

Germany, writes

Janet Bush

erman policymakers are working on two timetables. There is, of course, the timetable enshrined in the Maastricht Treaty, leading to monetary union by January 1, 1999. And then there is the timetable set by German federal elections in 1998. We hear so much about the first, but it is infinitely less important than the second.

Only two weeks ago, Theo Waigel, Germany's Finance Minister, said the 13-year ruling coalition with the Free Democrat Party would collapse if FDP members insisted on pushing for a reduction in the solidarity surcharge on income taxes imposed to finance the reconstruction of East Germany, Yesterday, Herr Waigel announced the said tax cut, trimming the rate to 55 per cent from its current level of 7.5 per cent when it starts in July next year.

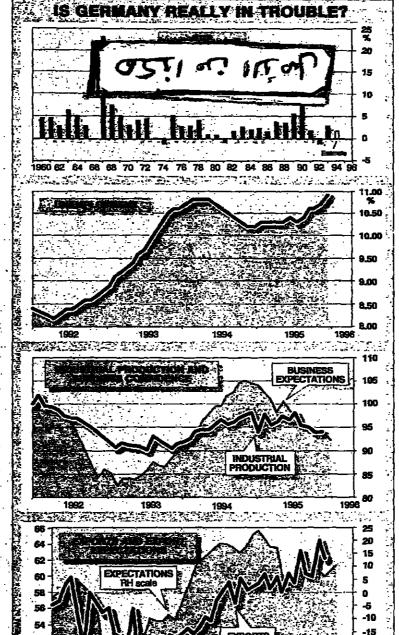
So. Chancellor Kohl's out-of-favour junior partner now has a chance of winning some votes in three key state elections to take place in March and, presumably, the coalition survives to fight another day. What the cut in the solidarity tax clearly does not point to is a concerted effort to reduce Germany's budget deficit in order to meet the Maastricht criteria on deadline.

It was only on January 12 that the nation indulged in collective hand-wringing when the Government admitted that its federal deficit for 1995 had overshot to 3.6 per cent of GDP, missing the Maastricht deficit criterion by a wide margin. Yesterday, the latest official forecast said the deficit would remain at about 3.5 per cent this year as well.

Once the markets rather gleefully got wind of the fact that even Germany, the anchor of the EMU experiment, was unlikely to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria, confidence in the whole process drained away with remarkable speed. So, in a show of solidarity with its French parmers, who have already had to endure damaging nationwide strikes and political turmoil, surely Germany would come up with a package designed to get the public finances back on track? Well, yes, and no. Germany yesterday

unveiled a package supposedly aimed at stimulating growth and creating jobs. The need for such measures was underlined by the new forecast downgrading prowth to a meagre 1.5 per cent this year, against previous estimates of between 2 and 2.5 per cent. Unemployment is expected to rise further. Yesterday, there was news of a real 10 per cent drop in engineering orders in December compared with a year ago.

The logic is that, without more growth, the deficit will not even remain stable but rise over the coming year, a desperate conundrum facing many an aspiring member of the euro club. But the initial reaction of economists to vesterday's offering from Bonn was that the package - which includes measures to cut supplementary wage costs, including social security contributions, to privatise state-owned companies, to



reduce corporate taxes and to facilitate the setting up of new companies — will, if anything, worsen the fiscal arithmetic and fail to stimulate growth.

Herr Waigel predictably put the stimulatory measures in the context of EMU, saying that he would do everything that was needed to meet the Maastricht criteria: But this is bunkum in anything but metorical rancy and Germany's leaders - whether in Bonn or Frankfurt - know it. The reality is that, if Maastricht ever goes ahead, it will be on Germany's terms. If Germany wants to ease the targets, it will. If it wants to delay until others are fit for membership, it will continue to insist, as now, that the Maastrict criteria are strictly interpreted.

Germany's domestic economic prospects and problems are paramount and these are actually untouched by the EMU debate except in one important respect. It is only a residual belief that EMU may go ahead which is preventing the mark from soaring to even more damagingly overvalued levels.

This is obvious from the reaction of investors to last week's wobbles on the EMU front which saw money pouring into the mark but on a relatively limited scale.

Just try to imagine the amount of money which would be invested in marks if Europe's leaders admit that the Maastricht timetable will have to de abandoned. Itus is every member of the Bundesbank council has been emphasising the importance of EMU in recent days, even though everyone knows they do not want it to happen.

Germany must avoid further appreciation in the mark at all costs for it is the main reason the economy has been shuddering to near a halt. This is the most compelling reason for vociferous Bundesbank support for EMU recently, although everyone knows it doesn't really want it to happen. However, it is difficult to see how Germany can escape its strong currency trap.

A substantially stronger dollar tal loss of confidence against the mark-bloc would be one power to bounce back.

answer and yet German officials have never admitted that they might want the mark to fall sharply. Last year, when Japan was going all out to revcurrency. Germany stood by and said it was a US problem for the US to tackle. At the recent Group of Seven meeting in Paris, the accent was again on the dollar/yen, with German officials shy about expressing their concerns

about the mark.

It is increasingly ironic that
Germany has always blamed the US
budget deficit for dollar weakness and yet its own, emerging budget weak-nesses are, if anything, strengthening the mark. This may seem like topsy-turvy economic logic, but anything which makes EMU less likely — and Germany missing fiscal targets is a prime candidate — will simply attract more money into marks. Lower interest rates are not likely to help either. When Bundesbank officials recently signalled that they wanted to drive the repurchase rate lower, the mark strengthened because money was pulled into German bonds.

One way to soften the mark and its satellites against the dollar would be to stick to the Maastricht process rigidly and cause outright recession in Europe, but no German politician looking to re-election will want to countenance that.

Another would be for the Bundesbank to take its cue from the Bank of Japan which insistently talked the yen lower and backed up the rhetoric with massive yen sales in the currency markets. But it is scarcely conceivable that the Bundesbank would consider such a radical change to its modus operandi — after all, it is still insisting on leaving official rates unchanged on money supply grounds, even as the economy apparently stagnates.

M3 apart, the Bundesbank operates a policy of using interest rates as a stick to beat the politicians. They have been put under consistent pressure to cut the deficit and overcome the country's propensity to pay itself over the odds, but Bonn has failed on both counts.

There is little confidence in any of its measures on the fiscal front. And its perennial refuge in solidarity pacts between Government, employers and unions to keep wage costs down is sheepishly mild and fanciful in a country where, just yesterday, the building union demanded a 5 per cent wage rise. It hardly speaks of an understanding of the competitive pressures Germany undoubtedly faces that IG Metall, Germany's biggest union, be-lieves it is being radically helpful to ask for a freeze, not even of nominal wages but real wages, and still ask for the creation of 110,000 new jobs in return.

Our own Unancellor yesterday took the opportunity to crow about Europe's problems, calling on them to emulate Britain's attack on uncompetitive forces such as trade unions. Yet, in his belly, he must look at Germany and weep with envy. For most economists believe that Germany will levitate its way out of trouble without any of the nasty fiscal medecine or often painful supply side reform Britain has administered. Germany's leaders may be a little embarrassed at the inauspicious economic circumstances of the moment, but the tinkering of policy at the margin hardly speaks of a fundamental loss of confidence in Germany's



### Can Japan rescue the

man said, takes a little longer. Bonn still growls EMU slogans through gritted teeth and backs them with unpopularmeasures; but its would-be partners confine themselves to slogans. In any case, the real issue is not one of political will, but of arithmetic. Trying to cut the fiscal deficit in an already depressed economy is the equivalent of trying to get out of a hole by digging it deeper - not, as Denis Healey once pointed out, the

recommended route. Indeed, most detached observers who have done the sums regard the task as virtually impossible. Impossible? Well, impossible in France, which amounts to the same thing. Brian Reading, of Lombard Street Research, has calculated the scale of the obstacle. French convergence by 1997 would mean reducing their structural budget deficit by 4.6 per cent of GDP, on top of the 1.6 per cent cut already in the pipeline (a pipeline vulnerable to attacks by the

would reduce GDP by 6.9 per its shortterm poten-tial. This might be

Trying to cut the fiscal deficit in a possible in a depressed economy strong econis like trying to omy, but not in a weak get out of a hole by one. Wait a minute. digging it deeper though: isn't this just like

Britain in 1981? As Reading reminds us, 365 leading economists wrote a joint letter of protest when Geoffrey Howe's second Budget imposed higher taxes on a warned of a depression to come, instead, we had an immediate recovery. Yes. says Reading; but that trick can be worked only with a

floating exchange rate. If you can balance tight fiscal with easy monetary policy and so achieve a devaluation and an investment boom. the sums add up. It worked for us in 1981, and has worked for the Americans in the past five years. France, as a member of the ERM, cannot take this route; fiscal policy may be made in Paris, but monetary policy is set in Bonn. Only the Bundesbank, then, can rescue the French: and it is constitutionally bound to give prime weight to German, not French, conditions. It will make the interest rate cuts the French need only if the new German recession proves a great deal worse than now looks likely. And if that happened, the Germans would miss the Maastricht targets.

Can the Euro-enthusiasts suspend the laws of arithmetic? Up to a point. The Maastricht treaty insists on low inflation and stable exchange rates, but does not call for immutable fiscal numbers. It would be satisfied by

dying EMU? allow for "exceptional cirscope, in short, for a fudge. A fudge lobby, calling for "flexible" interpretation, is emerging in France, and in

some German quarters. But fudge-making can be a dangerous trade. Mark-loving German voters, not to mention international bond traders, are suspicious folk: faced with a relaxation of the Maastricht criteria, they could well provoke a political crisis, or a market problem. Any fudging is likely to be subtle and modest. Similar pitfalls, only deeper, are to be found on the other favourite 'escape route": an ERM realignment. This would push up the mark, thus deepening Helmut Kohl's domestic problems; and it would provoke a market crisis for the franc. This would be a mea-

sure of despair.
The traditional way to stave off a European crisis is making time for a solution. This is now openly favoured by some French leaders, But delay too is crisis-prone. It would certainly be read in the markets as a confession of defeat; bond

rise, and the problems of EMU would worse. No hope at all then? Or. from a British point of view, nothing to fear?

the arguments we heard in Not necessarily. There remains the case for Helmut Micawber, aware of his problems, but still hoping something will turn up.

What could plausibly turn up is the dollar - indeed, it it, the demand for European exports. In this ideal scenario, growth in Europe turns up and deficits come down without anyone on this side of the Atlantic having to do anything. EMU ex machina. The odds? Not as long as you might think, to judge by what was, until not long ago, a closely watched economic indicator: money growth. Broad money growth has begun unaccountably to accelerate in the US and Britain, and narrow money growth in Japan is now setting non-infationary records. The cause is to be found in

Tokyo, where money is being created in an effort to bail out the banks and achieve a yen correction; but the effect on the Japanese economy is so far modest, Abroad, however, it is more dramatic daily new records on Wall Street, super-cheap yen-denominated loans for commercial borrowers. This could prove the final irony is the story of the EMU, a device that threatens to divide Europe in the cause of unity: to be validated not by Europe's own efforts, but by the desperation of the oncefeared Japanese.

### Philip Bassett examines a fierce political battleground

### Parties woo business community

he mingling of busi-ness with politics continues apace as the general election gets closer. Today, both parties will be back on the business trail. with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, addressing the CBI's governing council. while a range of business figures - led by Sir Terence Conran — boost Labour's launch of six task groups on

business policy.
Of the two, business may get least from the more direct contact between Mr Rifkind and the CBI. The Foreign Secretary is set to talk about the Government's vision for Europe before this year's intergovernmental conferences, having earlier this week ratcheted up increased Tory Euro-scepticism by casting doubts on the credibility of a

single currency by 1999.
Given the imminence of the
Government's White Paper on Europe, and the political sensitivity of the issue as a continuing faultline for the Conservatives, business leaders are not expecting much from Mr Rifkind. However, he will certainly be further along the Euro spectrum than the Chancellor was yesterday in his robust defence of the prevailing economic conditions in the UK before the planned

single currency trigger.
Some ministers took last week's remarks on pay by Adair Turner, the CBI Direc-tor-General, as fresh evidence of the business community's growing dalliance with Labour - and today's launch of six business task groups by Labour's industry Forum will be viewed as a further development of that.





Margaret Beckett launches Labour's task groups, while Malcolm Rifkind talks to the CBI

means by which business, industry and the City can have a constructive dialogue with Labour, the Industry Forum is a largely unsung success, with about 150 companies or leading business individuals now taking part. Led by Gerald Frankel, an

industrialist who founded Britain's first microfilm equipment manufacturing company, the Forum provides a discreet opportunity for business contact with Labour. As a recent City analysis of Labour's business policies puts it: "Many companies which do not wish to be seen to donate to, or associate with the party find that the Forum meets some of their need for a face-to-face discussion with Labour." Set up three years ago as a A sign of how much busi-

ness wants and needs to know about Labour is the fact that among the Forum's most recent signings is the Institute of Directors, whose agreement to ioin caused some astonishment - but was warmly welcomed - at the Forum. Established by Margaret

Beckett when she was Labour's deputy leader, the Forum will today open its latest dialogue with the first full meeting of one of its industry task groups. Serving on its innovation, design, science and technology group will be Sir Terence, along with Robin Fears, director of science policy at Smithkline Beecham, David Allen, marketing director at Digitial' Equipment, and a church of Labour MPs. Similar business figures are

due to be unveiled today for the task groups on the City and financial services, the information superhighway, competition, small busines and the overall body for competitiveness, to be chaired by Mrs Beckett, who will formally launch the task groups' consultation pro-

grammes this morning. Labour leaders insist the purpose of the task groups is not to abandon the party's current policy document on industry, Winning for Britain. which was drawn up two years ago. But like most policy statements written before Tony Blair became leader, the document is regarded by the leadership as something which needs fresh thinking. Together with the recom-

sion on Public Policy and British Business - launched by the Blairite Institute for Public Policy Research - due later this year, the findings of the Industry Forum task groups will be central to the new business policy statement which Mrs Beckett will draw up and which Labour will take to its party conference. Mr Blair's notion of a stakeholder economy will be its

overarching context, but within that. Labour is already developing a range of new policy which would alter the framework for business if it is voted in at the next election. Planned reforms include a new companies bill on corpo-

rate governance; a detailed reconsideration of competition policy: a new regulatory body for the City, new plans on investment, including the adoption of the CBI's proposal for a two-tier capital gains tax to promote longer-term shareholding as well as other corporate tax reforms; and a range of training and employment measures.

Some of that detail is already in place; the work of the Forum's task groups will flesh

For business, where the divide over Europe is apparent, if not quite as sharp in the Conservative party, what the Conservative Government does about Europe, EMU and the IGC is of immediate importance - so Mr Rifkind's speech today will be studied closely. But with a general election approaching, Labour's plans for business will require business leaders to also keep a close watch on what is happening on the other side of the political fence.

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### Jobs 'safe' under equal-pay regime

PART-TIME workers' pay could rise by up to 10 per cent if they are given equal rights impact on Britain's wage bill and jobs would be marginal, a new study suggests.

The analysis by the independent Policy Studies Institute. published yesterday, is the first sustained attempt to estimate the economic impact of Labour's declared policy of the equalisation of employment rights for Britain's 5.4 million part-time employees. Government ministers insist that giving part-timers the same full-time workers will push up costs to business, leading either to price rises or compen-

But the new study, commissioned from the PSI by the Trades Union Congress, denies that equalisation would cut Britain's competitiveness or reduce jobs, and says that it would "bring quite substantial

and fringe benefits of parttimers at relatively little cost to

Using detailed UK and European survey data, the study, Value for Money, suggests that pro rata equalisation of part-timers' pay would add, on average, Sip an hour to part-timers' current average pay of £4.89 - a rise of 10 per cent for them, and an increase of 0.6 per cent in employers'

The difference rests on the fact that most part-timers are employed in low-paid jobs, and in the number of hours they work - an average of 18 a week, compared to the 42

hours of full-timers. Employers might be able to recoup some of these costs in productivity gains, the study suggests, since it shows that there are considerable cost advantages in part-time work. including high productivity.

ments in product quality. The report says that most companies believe that parttime work makes their firms more competitive.

A labour cost increase of about 0.5 per cent on the country's wage bill, currently estimated at about £350 billion annually, would have a "broadly neutral" affect on

The TUC is to use the findings as part of a campaign, to be launched next week with Britain's Citizens Advice Bureaux, to win equal rights for part-time workers. John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said yester-

day: "Giving equal rights would be a boost to parttimers, and to business. The Government and employers should see sense and end double standards in the workplace. Part-time workers are good value for money and deserve fair treatment."

### When the auditor opens up its books

KPMG's report and accounts is the first of its kind, Robert Bruce finds

T sually it is the audi-tor who asks the questions. Today all that will change. KPMG, the accountancy firm, has published a report and ac-counts for the first time, and copies should be landing on clients desks. All KPMG partners have a prepared question and answer sheet, as they await the finance

director's questions. So what will clients learn from the document? It looks as glossy and well-prepared as their own. It contains a senior partner's statement that conveys the same blend of platitudes and problems as their chairman's statements. The real difference is that there is no statement from the auditors and nothing for the shareholders.

Of course, all the shareholders are the partners. They received their copies yesterday, and there are no reports of revolution in the corridors. After all, fees were up 6.8 per cent to £588.8 million. Partnership income was maintained but what the report calls "pro-mietorship profit" was

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sure on our But the figures here

partners' profit share is based on a points system that is, as Mr Sharman put it, "divvied up". But for the sake of the report and accounts, this process has been split into three - executives' remuneration, pension contributions, and proprietor-ship profit. In the case of Mr Sharman, these come to £438,000, £125,000, and £176,753 respectively.

istically beiligerent about this. "Take an executive in the corporate environment," he said, "and add up everything he gets, and then compare." He has a point. Pension contributions, cars, insurances all add up to similar amounts in the corporate sector.

But in spite of Mr Sharman's insistence that we are hiding nothing", there are gaps. The partners remuneration in the bands shown are not as clear as they could be. Partners showed as earning less than £25,000 are those who have just joined. The pension contributions are not included in the banding system. Adding on about half again produces a more accurate figure. And there is no

mention of the all-powerful "general partnership" at the heart of the firm. These 33 people comprise the holding company. There is no referreport and accounts.

There was always going to be a difficulty in showing a complex partnership struc-ture and figures in a corporate style. As one ex-KPMG partner put it: "The figures have been massaged into that presentation, and the pensions have been separated out as a way of reducing the amounts shown as other

Some 428 partners out of the 586 are shown in band-ings between £75,000 and £175,000. When you consider that for a true earnings figure you have to add on half again for pensions and proprietorship profit, it comes to a huge number of

very well-paid partners. Mr Sharman remains in fighting mood. He refers you to investment banks. where a much higher proportion of staff earn more than £100,000. He insists that to compete, par-

6 The figures highly. show just how are still losing partners well senior accountants

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London and the South East region contribute 63 per cent of KPMG's profit. There are 294 partners in the region. Add in the other Big Six firms and you have some 1,400 partners earning sig-London area.

Clients demand openness, is the KPMG cry, and certainly many of the 50,000 new business pitches.

Apart from the lack of an auditor's certificate, which will be rectified next year. there is little for accountants in their role as nit-pickers to complain about. Under SSAP24, the firm should have provided for annuities to former partners, said one technical expert. And praise was lavished on the firm's treatment of provisions

made for surplus space. But in the end, it is the wider issues that count. This is the first report and accounts that a big accountan-cy firm has produced. More will follow in spite of denials from all the other firms, except Ernst & Young. The genie, in the pugnacious and bulky form of Mr Sharman. is out of the bottle.



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### **Negative equity** burden weighs heavy in the **North West**

By Sara McConnell

MORE than 50 per cent of borrowers in the North West who took out mortgages between 1992 and 1994 now have mortgages worth more than the value of their property, a report from the Nationwide

Building Society has revealed. These new negative equity victims helped to push the total number of households in negative equity up to 1.7 million, or 10 per cent of all owner-occupier households. Britain's second largest society

### No final dividend from QS

OS HOLDINGS, the discount fashion retailer, told shareholders that it will not pay a final dividend after managing only to break even in the second half of the financial year (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, which incurred losses of £743,000 before tax in the first half, said that an improvement sisted by a record week before Christmas, had not been enough to offset disappointing autumn trading. In December, like-forlike sales rose 0.5 per cent.

John Coleman is joining the board of QS as a nonexecutive director. Mr Coleman, 43, was formerly managing director of Texas Homecare from September 1993 until its takeover by J Sainsbury.

said. This figure is substantially higher than the 1.16 million estimated earlier this month by the Woolwich Building Society.

More bad news is expected today when the Council of Mortgage Lenders announces that 25,000 households have ing the yearly total up to about 50,000. The CML predicts that repossessions will stay at this level until the housing market picks up, or the Government

Nationwide's findings, published in its quarterly Housing Finance Review, show that price falls in the North West during 1995 shifted the burden of negative equity away from the South East. The Nationwide said: "Whereas nearly 60 per cent of all negative equity cases were to be found in the four southern regions (Greater London, South East, South West and East Anglia) the figure has fallen to just over 50 per cent at the end of 1995."

But the increase in numbers of victims masks a fall in the total value of negative equity outstanding, from £8.6 billion shortfall was reduced from £5,600 to £4,900, with householders in the four southern regions facing average debts of £7.200, down from £7.800 at the end of 1994.

The Nationwide says that the rise in the number of households in negative equity is the result of relatively small falls in house prices, particularly during the third quarter, and its significance for individual households should not be exaggerated".



Harry Lambert, head of Adscene, is pleased with a 4 per cent increase in advertising and is paying more at halfway

### Takeovers lift Adscene

By MARTIN BARROW

than forecast at the time of the

acquisition in November.

After the acquisition of

EMAPs Kent papers, the Tamworth Herald Group and

The Lichfield Mercury Group

in December, Adscene now

ble newsprint prices helped to lift the half-year earnings of Adscene, the printing and

local newspapers group.

During the six months to November 25 last year, the group, based in Canterbury, Kent, pushed up pre-tax profits to £2.7 million, from £2.1 million in the corresponding period in 1994. The interim is lifted 0.5p to 3.5p on earnings

publishes 82 titles, with a total circulation of 1.75 million copies a week. Harry Lambert, chairman and chief executive, said Deper share of 9.9p (8.6p). Adscene enjoyed a full concember and January were traditionally the quietest tribution from Flair Press, its

ACQUISITIONS, improved commercial printing opera- months and did not give a come for the full year. "Nevertheless, we anticipate considerable opportunities presenting themselves in our

publishing operations, which will positively affect our financial performance and mix of business. The stabilisation of newsprint costs, together with the benefits of the recent acquisitions, enable us to look forward to another good year." Overall advertising revenue increased by 4 per cent

### Qantas braced for new wave of union action

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

OANTAS, the Australian airline in which British Airways holds a 25 per cent stake, is bracing itself for a new wave of industrial action as it at-tempts to push through its A\$1 billion (£495 million) costcutting programme. The airline has already been

hit by a series of one-day strikes and walkouts in protest over changes to staff payments warn that further industrial unrest could seriously damage confidence in Qantas shares. which are currently trading just 25 cents higher than their \$2 price when the company was floated six months ago. One Sydney-based aviation

analyst warned: "We will see an ongoing rash of these pinpricks of strike action. These are warning shots being fired by the unions across Oantas management's bows not to take them for granted.

"Qantas is one of Australia's most heavily unionised companies, with more than 90 per cent of its employees a member of a union, compared to less than 40 per cent union membership for the workforce as a whole."

A key element of Qantas's cost-cutting programme. which is targeted to cut \$1 billion from the airline's \$6.7 billion cost base over the next three years, is its Joint Services Agreement with BA. which provides for combined purchasing and scheduling arrangements.

Qantas is also in the process of introducing BA's yield management system into its opera-

tions to improve efficiency However, James Strong, chief executive, warned that there will be no let-up in the costcutting programme, saving: "Hard decisions have to be made and the cost-cutting just has to be done. There is no aiternative. Otherwise. Oantas has no future in terms of its competition."

Mr Strong also cautioned Qantas employees against "unnecessarily wasting their own income by over-reacting to these things". He added "We will do it in the least



They don't need any dis-

disruptive way we can. We are committed to a process designed to avoid disruption." Analysts said that any escalation of industrial action could jeopardise Qantas's ability to meet its forecast net profit of \$237 million for the year to June 1996, up from £180 million the year before.

traction at all to get that \$237 million, said one analyst. Quantas is expected to unveil profits of between \$135 million and \$145 million next month for the half-year to December 1995, up from \$129 million for the comparable period the

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Samsung, South Korea's vast

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Park Chung-hyun, a spokes-

man for Samsung Aerospace, a subsidiary of Samsung Group, said his company had

no specific plan to buy Fokker.

Our company is keen to

expand into the aerospace

business but we are not ap-

proaching Fokker with an

Hopes that Samsung could

inject cash needed to stop a

collapse sent Fokker shares

soaring on Monday by over a

third to 4.30 guilders in Am-

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bled Dutch planemaker.

and management company, is raising £6 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. It is offering two new shares for every three held at 10p. Existing shares fell lp to 142p yesterday. IAF reported a decline in pre-tax profits to £601,000 (£754,000) for the half year to December 31 on million). Earnings were 0.5p a share (0.02p). The interim dividend rises to 0.25p (0.2p).

### Jones warning

Jones Group, the manufacturing and shipping company based in Dublin, warned shareholders that its 1995 results would be sharply lower than expected. Trading conditions had worsened in the second half, partly because mild weather had affected its energy distribution businesses and partly because further decline in the construction industry had hit its radiator division.

### KLM on line

KLM, the Dutch airline, said it was on target for a 10 per cent increase in annual profits after achieving a 23 per cent increase in third-quarter earnings to 102 million guilders (£40.8 million) from 83 million in the third quarter of the previous year.

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As Venice surveys the ashes of its opera house, Rodney Milnes recalls La Fenice's glittering triumphs

for anyone even remotely involved in op-era, it is as if a close member of the family had suddenly departed. Apart from being simply one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, La Fenice was at the centre of operatic endeavour for two centuries from 1792. and, though vicariously, for

nearly two centuries before. As a building, there was the tension between, on the one hand, the severe Napoleonic exterior and the chaste Neo-Classical reception rooms, and on the other the riotous late rococo auditorium, lovingly restored after the first fire of 1836 and a fantasy of cream and gilt plasterwork. Like all. the best rococo it should, by all accepted canons of taste (well, English taste anyway), have been deemed over-the-top and vulgar, but was in fact the most fastidious and exquisite. of designs.

To sit in the stalls, or in the gailery looking down on such splendour, or in one of the cosy, curiously louche boxes. was a Venetian pleasure as essential as visiting the Accademia or the Basilica. The grand ceremonial entrance was in fact at the back of the theatre, on the canal. Dark, eeric, silent save for lapping waves, it was at night one of the most romantic and atmospheric spots in the whole city.
The Fenice acoustics, based

on the soft wood that must ironically have aided Monday's tragedy, were superb. Quite honestly, I never heard an exceptional performance there but it didn't matter; just to be in that theatre was enough. Every inch of it was resonant with operatic history. Opera may have been "invented" in Florence, but it was in Venice that the form developed and flourished throughout the 1600s. At one time there were an incredible 13 public opera houses in the city,

#### Great nights et the phoenix

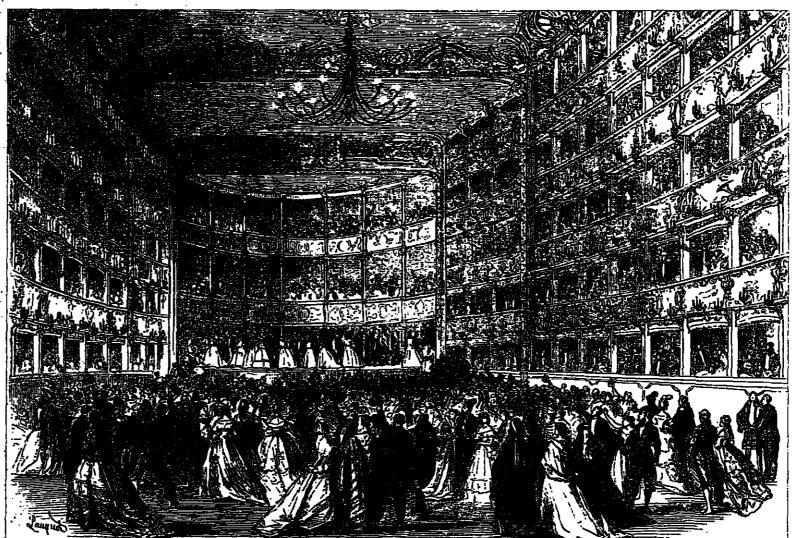
1792: New theatre, designed by Antonio Selva, opens in Venice. Called La Fenice (the phoenix) because it belatedly replaces a theatre burnt down 18 years earlier 1813: Rossini puts La Fenice on the map with premiere of Tancredi. Subsequent premieres in-clude Rossini's Semiramide (1823), Bellini's I Capuleti e î Montecchi (1830), Donizetti's Belisario (1836) 1836: La Fenice destroyed

by lire again. Giam-battista and Tommaso Meduna rebuild, follow-ing. Selva's original ground-plan. Reopens Brying Day 1837 Boxing Day, 1837 1844: Verdi's first Venice premiere, Ernani, followed by Attila (1846). Rigoletto (1851), La traviala (1853), Simon Boccanegra (1857) 1951: Stravinsky's Rake's Progress premiered 1954: Britten's The Turn of the Screw 1955: Prokofiev's The Fi-

and audiences flocked to hear new works just as fast as composers could turn them out: Monteverdi (Poppea, Arianna), Cavalli (pick any one of 40 titles). Legrenzi, right up to Handel, whose early masterpiece Agrippina (1709) was first heard in Venice.

ery Angel

But it was with the decline or destruction of the smaller theatres that the Fenice came to dominate the city, and its greatest hours arrived. The list premieres that took place there is dazzling. It started with Rossini's first important opera seria, Tancredi, one of the most important and influ-



One of the golden periods in Venice's operatic life: an engraving showing a masked ball held inside the Teatro La Fenice in the mid-19th century

ential of his works, and ten years later Semiramide, that Hamlet of 19th-century opera, only now returning to the standard repertory. Bellini wrote for the Fenice (I Capuleti e i Montecchi, his Romeo and Juliet opera) and so, frequently, did Donizetti,

most notably with Belisario. But it was on its association with Verdi that La Fenice's greatest claim to fame rests. Ernani was a key early piece: Victor Hugo-style, no-holds-barred melodrama set to music. I would give anything to have been at the premiere of 'Attila: the opera was partly set in what was to become Venice, and the rumbustious tenor cabaletta with its vision of a city rising like a phoenix from the lagoon must have roused the Risorgimento audience to

a frenzy of patriotic fervour.

Verdi fought welldocumented battles with the local censors over Rigoletto; at first sight their complaints at the opera's obscenity look bizarre, but viewed from a post-Freudian perspective they were perhaps not as stupid as they seemed. Nevertheless, it was at La Fenice that one of the mainstays of the operatic repertoire was born.

THEATRE: What will the winners of the Guinness awards for pub theatre do with their windfalls? Plus August Wilson's latest play

Then came two famous failures. The reception of La traviata was not helped by the healthily built soprano singing the consumptive Violetta, the censors took the zing out of this contemporary social-realist opera by insisting on its being performed in period costume. The first night was a fiasco. "Whose fault? Mine or the singers? Time will

ly. Time has: The first version of Simon Boccanegra (1857) was thought, even by Verdi, to be too gloomy: the Milan revision has joined the repertory, and

tell," wrote the composer dark-

last year's concert performances of the Fenice original during the Royal Opera's Verdi Festival showed it to be by no means as gloomy as the composer thought.

It was after the Second World War that the theatre saw a second period of astonishing operatic vitality, with the premieres of three works that have joined the repertory. The Rake's Progress came in 1951: Stravinsky offered, and more significantly, sold it to several theatres, but the Fenice won. There followed The Turn of the Screw, the Britten connection was reinforced

with the Fenice's first performances outside Britain of Death in Venice. And Prokofiev's troubled, troubling masterpiece The Fiery Angel, composed in the 1920s, was finally staged at the Fenice in 1955, and from that time came its gradual acceptance around the world.

Amid the devastation at the loss of this jewel among the world's great theatres, there is one ray of hope. Last time La Fenice burnt down, it was reopened within a year. With luck that miracle can be repeated, and phoenix-like it will arise from the ashes.

**Two Trains Running** 

Tricycle

gauche ex-con who offers his

services as a driver to the

mortician, proudly recom-mending himself with: "I

drove a getaway car once." But he and his author do not

let us forget that forces inside

and outside him are contriv-

ing to suck him back to prison.

Wilson wasn't fobbing us off

with too much positive think-

ing and mandatory hopeful-

ness. But the play as a whole is

balanced and scepticism never

far away, not least when Alan

Cooke, playing a bum known

only as Hambone, is on stage.

In 1959 he was cheated of the

chunk of pig promised him for

painting a fence. Ever since he

At the end I wondered if

The restorers of La Fenice will take heart from successful British projects

a Fenice joins a growing number of famous his-caught fire while building works were under way. Yet in Britain, the recent fires at Hampton Court, Windsor Castle and Uppark provide heartening experience of how much precise detail, and actual physical remains of fabric and ornament, can be salvaged from the fiercest

inferno by modern techniques. The key lies in careful sifting of the debris. At Uppark, the National Trust — with the help of English Heritage — dug up the debris in the gutted shell, yard by yard, and placed it two to three feet deep into hundreds of standard dust-bins, all carefully numbered.

Over a period of months this debris was painstakingly sifted by archaeologists, as if panning for gold. Out of it came not only pieces of chandeliers but many of the plaster ornaments made for the Geor-gian ceilings. And while ceil-ings had collapsed. remarkable amounts of the vertical surfaces survived, including wall panelling in rooms that had blazed with fire. In parts this panelling was severely charred, but elsewhere it was relatively unscathed and could simply be conserved in situ.

In the past, reconstructions such as Dresden's Semper Oper, destroyed by Allied bombs, were carried out after careful study of photographs. plans and drawings. Today. with the help of archaeology. the architects directing the restoration of burnt-out historic buildings can achieve an

astonishing precision of detail. More than that, at Uppark it proved possible to incorporate a remarkable amount of original craftsmanship salvaged from the fire. In the past this thrown away in the trauma of the post-fire clean-up. The restored interior is thus not simply a reproduction, but contains a substantial element of the original work.

At Uppark a crucial part of the process was the erection of a series of large tents where salvaged items, including large timbers, could be dried out and treated, and vast jigsaws of shattered ornaments carefully pieced together. The little square in front of the Fenice, or some still larger space, may need to be com-mandeered by the Venetians

for such a purpose. There may also be calls for the design of a wholly modern interior, rather than a pastiche of the old. But in Venice a conservative approach is likely to hold sway. The great Campanile in St Mark's Square, which collapsed earlier this century, is a faithful copy.

There is one good aspect to the fires in Britain. Subsequent reconstructions have fostered a remarkable degree of fine craftsmanship, with the tenders being put out in small packages so that individual craftsmen, as well as large firms, can apply for the work. Happily. Italy is especially rich in the traditional craft skills that will be needed.

BENEDICT MARCUS BINNEY NIGHTINGALE

### Small-beer venues get champagne treatment

Awards for Pub Theatre include plays exploring the computer technicians; the world of small-time Irish gangsters, and two sisters' disenchanted homecoming a selection which illustrates the eclectic range of drama staged for those who like a pintwith their Pinter.

Twenty-five London venues submitted 42 production pro-posals in pursuit of five prizes of £10,000 and the chance to work in the National Theatre Studio. But the judges were so impressed by what their chairman, Genista McIntosh executive director of the National Theatre - called the entrants "enthusiasm and eccentricity that Guinness agreed to provide two more awards, enlarging what was already the biggest sponsor-ship deal in pub theatre history. history.

The winning theatres and companies - the Bush, the Etcetera, Steam Industry at the Finborough Arms, the Gate, the Red Room, Top of the Town Productions at the Hen and Chickens and Quest Theatre at the Man in the Moon – received their awards from the Heritage Secretary.

Virginia Bottomley, at the National last Friday. They can now prepare 30 new shows with budgets which would normally figure only in their artistic directors' dreams. artistic directors' dreams.

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Guinness Ingenuity Guinness competition are rich in imagination and energy, but little else: on the Fringe, multimedia adventures of small is beautiful, but seldom profitable. Average seating ca-pacity in the various basements and upstairs rooms of pub theatreland is 40 to 80 (combine self-out audiences at . all 25 Ingenuity venues and

> 6 Pubs are the Cinderella of London theatre 9

house for Miss Saigon at Drury Lane) and tickets are usually £5 to £7.

Production costs (typically £4,000 for a three-week run) are rarely recouped from the box office and the majority of actors and technicians receive no wages, working instead for what is optimistically termed "profit share":

Sam Dixon, from Fringe Theatre Network, which supports the capital's pub and

seeing any money." Venues keep their heads above water by renting space to visiting companies (Ingenuity invited one in-house and one outside proposal from each entrant) and many could eventually be prime candi-dates for help from the National Lottery "stabilisation fund" proposed by Bottomley last week. Within this shoeyou would not equal a fullstring environment, the

> of enormous value. Jacqueline Quella, co-director of Quest Theatre Company, which will perform Robert Shearman's computerised black comedy, Binary Dreamers, at the Man in the Moon, Chelsea, in April, says: "Hiring the multimedia equipment we need will cost £8,000. so this ground-breaking pro-duction would be impossible without our award.

Guinness/NT sponsorship is

The same applies to the one-person play festival at the Etcetera in Camden Town. David Cottis, the theatre's literary manager, says: There are a lot of good plays out there. Winning means I can now invite submissions knowing that we can afford to stage

the festival." Four years ago, the Etcetera's first showcase for one-person drama attracted 200 scripts, including Stephen Dinsdale's nationally acclaimed trainspotter's diary. Anorak of Fire. This time Coms expects to read at least 300 new works, 20 of which will be performed over five weeks in the autumn.

"One-person plays repre-sent the spirit and heart of the Fringe: the place to discover the unexpected, the unseen and the unknown," Coms says. "Audience and actors share a small space, so there's a more direct theatrical experience than in the West End." The Bush, which has helped to launch writers such as

Terry Johnson and Jonathan

Harvey, won with This Lime

Tree Bower, Conor McPherson's Irish gangster



Big plans: David Cottis, literary manager of the Etcetera

drama, Artistic director Dominic Dromgoole believes the Ingenuity scheme, which next year goes nationwide, should dispel a misconception about pub drama. "When pub theatre is talked about as a forging house for new talent there is an implication that people work in it just because they want to get somewhere else." he says. "But that's not true. They are surrounded by people who are equally pass-ionate and many have the best times of their lives in pub-

venues. Of all the winning theatres, Ingenuity's success probably means most to the youngest. The Red Room, in Kentish Town, opened last October

£1.000 per show, has already run into financial difficulties. Co-founder Lisa Goldman's delight at receiving an award "which will put the Red Room on the map" is even easier to appreciate when you hear of the "deal" she struck with Judy Upton, author of Sunspots, an account of two sisters' return to Sussex. It is one of three works that will receive their premiere at the Red Room this

"When Judy agreed to write a play for us late last year, she told me she would do it in return for a chocolate bar. I immediately asked: 'A big one or a small one?" "

ROSENTHAL particular fun with Sterling, a

### Caught in the wry

prosperous character in Two Trains Running is a mortician, you may conclude that the latest of August Wilson's forays into Afro-American history is not a hugely upbeat affair. And when Stefan Kalipha, who whispers his way through the role in stealthy style, confides that he started life as a crap-game runner, only to realise from the murders he saw that the real profits were in selling coffins — well, what could better confirm your expecta-tions? After all, the title refers to life and death, and we have the mortician's word that the

WHEN you hear that the most

second is the more majestic. But here is a surprise. Though the period is 1969, and the place is slum Pittsburgh, the play is warm, life-affirming and, even without its sentimental ending, not negative at all. And here's another surprise. Some of Wilson's historiography - his 1930s play The Piano Lesson. or Fences, which was set in the 1950s - has had an earnest, classroom feel. Two Trains is

packed with wry humour. Though oddly little is said about the inner-city riots of the late 1960s, Wilson does not minimise the problems outside the tacky diner where the play is set. Work is scarce, poverty endemic, Malcolm X dead, and only funeral-going glamorous. Folk variously look to the numbers racket or guns or fortune-tellers in their desperate attempts to outwit a system whose rewards always seem to end up in white laps. Memphis, who owns the din-er, tries to play by society's rules, only to be driven halfmad by the city's refusal to recompense him for its com-

pulsory purchase.
As George Harris plays him, Memphis is as rich a character as Wilson has created: kindly, angry, resentful of the injustices that have dogged him, despairing and even contemptuous of his fellow blacks. But then most of the men drinking their coffee on those green plastic-and-steel stools are observed with a nice mix of generosity and tough DANIEL wit Tony Armatrading has has done nothing but blunder about obsessively yelling: "Give me my ham". Could there be a more striking image of black frustration and helplessness?



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# Of smoke and Havana

GALLERIES: **Guy Walters** on the very

different moods of three

photography exhibitions

ike smells, photographs are expert at releasing feelings of nostalgia.

This is particularly evident at Go by Train, a series of railway photographs by Colin Gifford. This is an exhibition that will appeal to more than just loco buffs, for Go by Train may even conjure wistfulness in those who are too young to have lived and travelled in the age of steam.

The photographs, taken between 1957 and 1961, portray a time when pollution was merely an issue from a chimney, and diesel power was just a glint in an engineer's eye. At their best, Gifford's black-andwhite images are as powerful as any by Sabastiao Salgado, and as evocative of a time and place as works by contemporaries such as Don McCullin and Roger Mayne. Gifford's trick is not merely to snap adoringly a loco in action, but to place it within its working and social context. The majesty of these smoke-billowing machines is enhanced by this and much fun can be had noting the cars, fashions and advertisements that appear

alongside them. Occasionally. Gifford pushes this to an extreme. In the snow-clad Misty Moor Park, all that is visible of an engine is a trail of smoke in the middle distance, surely the more usual position from which to see a train than from dare-devilishly near the track. Burnley Back Street shows a goods train crossing a viaduct that runs through a terrace of one-up and two-downs in a foreground that looks almost staged, some shorttrousered boys are playing in

the middle of the street. Perhaps Gifford's biggest achievement is his sense of patience and planning. Some of the trains pictured may have run only twice a day, and timetables must have been rigorously consulted and locations scouted well in advance. Then to take a photograph containing both grandeur and fondness is impressive indeed. National Postai Museum. King Edward Street, London EC2. (0171-230 5426) until Feb

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(Clockwise from top): One of Nick Danziger's pictures of urban blight in his show A British Journey, workers at Bristol station in the 1950s, from Colin Gifford's Go by Train; a bride, from Cristina Piza's Havana Dreams

industrial might, then Nick is an account of today's bantamweight manufacturing sector. Danziger spent two years touring the places that have been left hollow by an absence of industry, and the results are potentially very gloomy indeed. This purports to be an exhibition about "survival", in which communities all over Britain battle against unemployment and

public-sector cuts. A British Journey sounds horrifically worthy, but the results are far more uplifting than expected. Not for Danziger the condescending and guilt-inducing lens that captures mental and economic depression and then asks the other half to say: "Aren't we lucky?

Instead, many of the images Danziger's A British Journey contain much cheer. Two boys romp in a burst water main. lemen heartily two elderly gen drink stout, a group of queueing middle-aged women strike silly poses for the camera, and a man removes his jeans to reveal an eye tattooed on each buttock.

However, this is not to gloss over the sense of squalor and bleakness. This is an exhibition of personal triumph over adversity, and a shot of a graveyard suggests an inescapable social hegemony. National Museum of Photography. Film 8 Television, Bradford (01274 727488), until Feb 12

□ A lack of condescension is also present in Havana Dreams, Cristina Piza's por-

trait of romance and sexuality in present-day Cuba. The images are accompanied by poetby John Agard in an unusually successful partnership of the two media that never lapses into pretension or philanthropic drivel.

Piza, who is Mexican and lives in Europe, contrasts a bride's preparations for the big day with portraits of juniteras — prostitutes — on the streets. Much of the exhibition's success lies in its simplicity. Most of the black-andwhite images are composed without a sense of deliberation or formality, which gives Piza's work the impression of true documentary.

The shots of the bride are the most arresting, capturing her ability to look as fine as any Western bride without

any expensive nuptial support

Photographs of her riding pillion are splendid, and the trained dress with the grimy Havana streets is powerful. Best of all is the image of the wedding cake being towed by a bicycle through a city sidestreet.

The shots of the prostitutes are less successful as they are rather more posed. The photographs feel more like straight newspaper pictures than fullblown reportage. Luckily, Agard's poetry bolsters the impact: "If it's a gateway/To Havana you're after/I will open my legs." The Edge Gallery, 2 The

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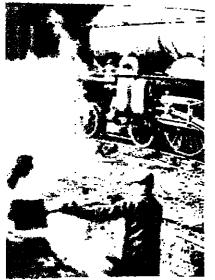
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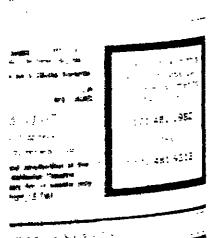
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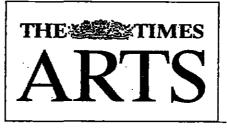


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rt and science are usually mutually exclusive polari-ties in British intellectual life. But just occasionally C.P. Snow's two cultures meet in a union so sweet that the pessimists are confounded. Sibelius 7 is one

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sition And it is British the brain-child of two **6** Composers hrothers. Jonathan and have been Ben Finn are twins. As trebles they liberated sang in the choir of King's College, Cambridge. But

from about computers. drudgery 9 When they went to the King's School,

Canterbury, they started combining their two obsessions: music and microchips. We took over the computer room in the evenings and programmed all the BBC Micros to play minimalist music that would ripple round the lab," Jonathan says. Or we would get the computer to harmonise Bach chorales. The results were a bit strange."

After school, their paths temporapily parted. Ben read music, then philosophy, at Cambridge; Jonathan read music at Oxford. It was the late 1980s; desk-top publishing the Finns packed Sibelius in a was just taking off, Jonathan hit on suitcase, and tried to interest music the notion of using a computer to notate music.

"Although Oxford music was not very enlightened, it did offer an optional electro-acoustic paper." he says. "So I wrote the bulk of what is now Sibelius, and submitted a print-out. I spent a term on it; aobody noticed I wasn't doing any other work." He named the program, of course, after another great Finn. It was 1,000 pages of computer jargon. How did his examiners check it? They didn't. I imagine they just thought it looked big enough. Very bizarre."

The Finns (Ben had helped Jonathan plan the program) realised that they had a winner, if they could find some way of marketing grams were not unknown in 1990; in particular, the Americans had devised one called Finale and were marketing it assiduously. But the Finns had a secret weapon: speed.

Musical notation is an immensely complex language. It has developed over ten centuries and contains thousands of arcane conventions that are nevertheless sacrosanct to musicians. It is not too difficult to devise a program that reproduces the most basic tasks, or one that covers more ground but

moves very slowly. The Finns, how ever, had created a program that could organise huge, sophisticated packages of musical notation at lightning speed. A composer could improvise a whole piece at a keyboard and see it instantly

screen. How? "I deliberately wrote my program the hard way: in machine code," Jonathan says. "It took much longer, but it saves the computer from having to convert every instruction into number-crunching mode. Consequently it is probably a hundred times faster than any other music program." That is crucial; composers in the white heat of creativity don't want to wait while a computer works out how to space a dotted quintuolet.

In 1990, fresh out of university. publishers in marketing it. The experience was dispiriting. "You would be shocked at how backward they are." Jonathan says. "Some didn't even use word processors. We drew a blank. So after a year we found premises in Cambridge and set up our own company."

Since then they have sold more than 2,000 Sibelius packages (the program runs only on a high-speed Acorn RISC computer) - to composers, colleges and, yes, even publishers. The Finns, now 26, employ five other people, and have

representatives around the world. Meanwhile, Jonathan has been refining the system, adding special notations for jazz, brass bands,



latest wheeze is "Flexi-time", whereby a composer inputting music from the keyboard can vary the pulse or bend the rhythms and know that the computer will understand the idiom. Conversely, the computer can play back music with uncannily convincing classical rubato or jazz swing.

But essentially Sibelius 7 is now as perfect as it will ever need to be. Perfection does not come cheap: complete systems start at about £2,000. But to see it in action is breathtaking. If, for instance, Wagearly music, even gamelans. His ner returned to Earth and wanted

to add an extra bar near the music," he says. "If you were beginning of The Ring, Sibelius 7 would take precisely one tenth of a second to re-format 100 orchestral parts covering four nights of music. Composers have been liberated from hundreds of hours of drudg-

ery on every orchestral score. What next for the Finns? Their sales have mostly been in Britain; a limitless overseas market remains to be tapped. But Jonathan believes his creative work in music programs has only just started. "I have secretly been working on ideas for getting the computer to compose writing an opera, for instance, you might want filler sections that simply played around with earlier material. Well, you could start off a process that the computer could continue, varving it at random.

"I've had some success already at getting the computer to imitate Copland. It couldn't write a Copland symphony yet, but it can produce music which, from bar to bar, does sound like the real thing. I've got much bigger ambitions than that, though." ● Sibelius Scftware is on 01223 302765

**LONDON RECITALS** 

### Steppe on it – and don't spare the piano

FOR good and ill, the wheel turns. Scarcely have we finished mourning the great Russian pianist Tatiana Nikolayeva, than her pupil Nikolai Lugansky, now 24 and winner of the 1994 Tchaikovsky Competition, begins to light the concert platforms of London.

There was something of the great lioness Nikolayeva there in the firm, relaxed arm weight of the lefthand chords in the slow movement of Beethoven's Tempest Sonata, answered by a clear, rounded song of right-hand recitative.

His dedication to Rachmaninov also rang out from six of his Preludes. The Op 23 No I was a hypnotic patterning of variegated pianissimo; his Op 32 No 12 warmed by lively peddling, yet crystalline of definition. Octave leapt high from the Op 23 No 5 Alla *marchia* only to curve into a sleek,

single line of rubato in No 4. Neither virtuoso flourish nor rolling rubato ever takes place in Lugansky's playing for flamboyant effect alone. Rather it is assimilated into the music's own heartbeat; and nowhere more so than in Scriabin's Second Sonata. Fanciful, whimsical, and mixed from a daring palette of tone colours, this was a true Sonata-fantasie. Lugansky's recital ended with Pro-kofiev's Sonata No 6, moving from Nikolai Lugansky Malcolm Binns Wigmore Hall

those firmly sprung, coiled rhythms to the reflective logic of its waltz and the morose merriment of

its last movement.
It took Malcolm Binns 30 years to return to the Wigmore Hall to play the complete Chopin Etudes once again. Monday was the occasion of his 60th birthday concert, and an audience of warm well-wishers applauded an evening of loud and generally undiscriminating performances. The first dozen Studies (Op 10) were true to their name: a flash and a splash of technical virtuosity with little attention paid to the unique sound

world of each Etude. For the Op 25 set, Binns seemed more relaxed, Nos 3, 4 and 5 found his fingers robust, his spirits high. But too often figuration and pacing seemed cavalier, dynamic levels existed only in primary colours, and final chords were left ringing in the sustaining pedal while body and hands were already preparing themselves for the next piece

HILARY FINCH

### In from the cold

AFTER his impressive London debut in this hall nearly four years ago, Lars Vogt has rapidly consolidated his reputation in his native Germany and elsewhere as an outstanding talent.

In his mid-twenties. Vogt combines a resourceful command of technique with a perceptive musi-cality after the style of Brendel, so that the intellect is engaged as well as the ear rewarded by the quality of insight into established classics.

This was especially true of the major work in his Sunday after-noon contribution to the South Bank's International Piano Series, when the F minor piano sonata by Brahms (Op 5) drew a sense of its ample proportions from an imperious opening to a majestically sonorous finale five movements later. The chorale tune emerged from this with the warmth of a benediction.

Yet there was never any temptation to overstate the music, Vogt preferring to temper its ardour with sensitivity for its detail. Maybe in the andante movement, the arpeggiated chords were a touch too articulated, with a minuscule hesitation before the last note that threatened to become a mannerism, but the reminiscent mood of the fourth movement intermezzo

Lars Vogt Queen Elizabeth Hall

was expressively caught and the pianism throughout had vigour

and freshness. At the start of the programme the wind-chill factor from outside seemed to be in Vogt's fingers as he began the Three Preludes by Henri Dutilleux with a stiff account of No.

L. D'ombre et de silence, that made it sound like the accompa a creepy silent film. But the pianist's approach loosened up with a contrast of boldness and restraint in the remaining two pieces. Schubert's six Moments musicaux (D 790) benefited from increasing flexibility of phrasing. with subtle pointing of detail in the

first, giving way to reflective warmth in its central section and a gentle poetry in No 2. The third and fourth gained engaging character from a sense of rubato and nicely varied shading respectively, and the remaining two combined a lightness of touch with balance of texture that bestowed enduring charm on musi-

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Esperanto. How things have changed since then. Wynton Marsalis can record a Haydn concerto one month, a New Orleans funeral march the next: Jan Garbarek improvises over medieval chants sung by the Hilliard Ensemble; Jarrett takes time off from his Standards trio to play The Well-Tempered Clavier.

the Atlantic for Jacky Terrasson, who brings his trio to the Jazz Café tomorrow, is a sign of how far the process of cross-fertilisation has come. Though his tastes now lie closer to Thelonious Monk than Mozart, this formally trained pianist brings a distinctly classical sense of touch and tonal colour to the

When the occasion demands it, he can produce mercurial right-hand runs as dazzling as any of his neo-bop contemporaries. It comes as no surprise to learn that Bud Powell was one of his prime early influences. But the sparse, ingeniously sculpted phrases and subtle use of dynamics on his debut Blue Note album entitled simply Jacky Terrasson easily one of the outstanding releases of last year - announced the arrival of a musician with the gift to combine

Terrasson is also a fleshand-blood example of the cosmopolitan character of modern jazz. Of French and Afro-American parentage, he was born in Berlin, educated in Paris and, for the past five

### JAZZ: Clive Davis on pianist Jacky Terrasson, a cat with classical training military service in France, he

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Hybrid hit: Terrasson fuses old and modern traditions

years, has worked his passage through the highly competi-tive club circuit of New the best of the old and new

Contemporary improvising has become a fearsomely virtuosic business in which physprowess often takes precedence over artistry.

Terrasson, at his most

inspired, proves himself capa-ble of alternating between the unbridled power of a quartermile hundler and the grace of a

of Erroll Garner, yet he is equally ready to discuss his enthusiasm for Michelangeli and Glenn Gould or, as he does on his album, perform a tribute to the French composer Lili Boulanger. For all the praise heaped on

the record, he insists that his

He admires the joie de vivre

best work is produced in the crucible of a live show, where he and his bassist Ugonna Okegwo and his new drummer Clarence Penn can interweave impromptu ideas and phrases somewhat in the style of another of Terrasson's early role models, the Bill Evans Trio. To that end, his latest album. Reach - due out soon was recorded in as informal. a studio setting as possible. Just as the renowned recording engineer Rudy Van Gelder used to record the mid-1950s Miles Davis quintet in his New Jersey living room, so Terrasson had the session taped in a similar setting, with iust two overhead microphones for all three musicians. No booths, no headphones.

"It sounds like a live album but without the audience," he explains in his heavily accented English. "I'm curious to see how it's received. It's a little more on the raw side -- not so shy, I would say. But I like that, it's more the way I am myself. This is closer to what I tried to do on the first album, more of a reflection of what we sound like live."

Unlike other young musi-cians who are catapulted into spectacular - and often overhyped - careers before they have found their own voice, Terrasson has followed his own path. After discovering jazz at the age of 12, courtesy of his mother's record collection. he went on to consolidate his earlier classical training at a music lycée in Paris, and later spent one year on scholarship at the Berklee school in

After a "wasted" year of

spent a further three years based in France. It was 1990 before he returned to New York and, in 1993, he found himself very much in demand after winning that year's Thelonious Monk competition in Washington. He was subsequently offered a job by the singer Betty Carter, whose trio has acted as a finishing school for some of the best young musicians of recent years. Carter has an unfailing

instinct for homing in on players with an individual grasp of texture and harmony. When she says, in the politest way possible, that Jacky Terrasson has "big ears", you know exactly what she means. • Jacky Terrasson is at the Jazz Cafe, London NWI (0171-341 (044)

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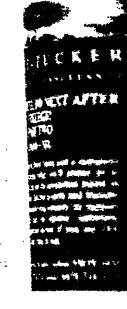
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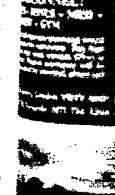


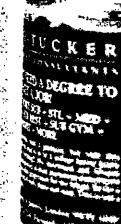
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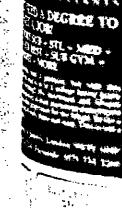
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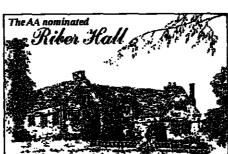
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### Space for newt tenants in new town

new town for Peter-borough, being de-veloped by Hanson Land Ltd, is to be named Hampton today by Lord Hanson.

James Hopkins, managing director of Hanson Land, says: The development is one of the first privately funded new town developments in Britain for 30 years and is thought to be one of the largest projects of its kind in Europe. Now that we are in the construction stages, it is time to give this area a fitting identity."

Hanson aims at a truly balanced community, a genuine new town rather than a supersized housing estate. "We are trying to avoid the mistakes of urban, crime-ridden estates," Mr Hopkins

At the same time as the naming ceremony, Lord Han-son will announce at Hanson pic's annual general meeting the first commercial development on site a 64,000sq ft Tesco superstore which will begin construction in June for completion by spring 1997.

Such a large scheme was bound to be controversial, designed as a fourth new township for Peterborough. but Mr Hopkins explained that through consultation and working with the local authorities they had got over the

animosity it caused.

One of the main sources of conflict has been the future of the colony of great crested newts on the site. The colony of around 30,000 is claimed to be the biggest group of this protected species in Europe, and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) did not want them to be moved.

After biological surveys and consultation, the answer is to move them to a specially created 296-acre wildlife reserve. The company has already spent £750,000 on the project, committed to longterm management and an educational facility and the spending of a further El million. The emphasis on the environment is shown not only with the great crested newts, but with concern for. Christopher Warman on wildlife and people living in harmony



Managing director James Hopkins on the Hampton site

rare plants and wildlife. Several of the lakes to be created, as well as the newt colony, are planned to be notified as sites of special scientific interest (SSSI).

The 2,500-acre site, south of Peterborough, is derelict brick-working land which Hanson has owned since 1984 when it acquired The London Brick Company. "It was a liability when we bought it. What were we going to do with it? Not landfill, because we had enough sites for that. So we decided to try to do something creative with the land, make something of it." Mr Hopkins says.

Hanson spent E11 million on technical feasibility studies, and will be investing £150 million for infrastructure and the provision of community facilities, such as schools, a leisure centre, playing fields, day centres and social centres.

Outline planning consent was granted in 1993 by Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council, and the first infra-structure works began later that year. The first 50 homes built by Home Housing Association have been completed and a £4.2 million road will be finished by the summer.

store will be the first major building constructed at Hampton, the start of a 280,000 sq ft retail centre which aims to attract shoppers from throughout the region. · The massive project to build Hampton is likely to take 15

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Great crested newts: they are to be moved to a purpose-built 296-acre wildlife reserve

years, and the cost of buildings and other facilities is expected to push the total value of the vnship development to more than £500 million. It is envisaged that it will provide

5.200 homes in four neighbourhoods, and 400 acres of land for factories, offices and other workplaces, creating 12,000 permanent jobs. More. than half the land has been set

aside for open space, with 10 per cent covered by lakes, and leisure and amenity land taking a further 18 per cent.

An international sales campaign to market individual sites is being handled through Jones Lang Wootton (for industrial, business and office sites); Healey and Baker (re-tail), and Bidwells (housing

Mr Hopkins says they are able to offer developers very large sites with tremendous potential, "but we need to look overseas as well as in the UK in order to find companies with the resources and the vision to take advantage of the opportunity at Hampton".

The concept of a commerce park, while not new, would be more flexible than a business park, he added, and Hanson will be looking for joint venture partners to complete the retail development.

Hampton will form the southern part of Peterbor-ough, whose boundaries have been expanded to include the whole of the site, and the city is expected to become a unitary authority independent from Cambridgeshire County Council from May 1997.

mans have been the dominant source of investment over the past four years, and continue to be significant players, accounting for 20 per cent of all purchases by overseus investors. They invested £370 million in 1995.

Non-German European investment amounted to £180 million. Sweden's investment totalled £50 million, down on 1994, but two recent West End purchases will boost the total. Arcona's purchase of 41-47 Pall Mall and Hufvudstanden's purchase of 4-7 Great Mariborough Street are ex-pected to have end develop-ment values of £50 million and

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writes. There is no indication that this will decline." says DTZ Debenham Thorpe, the

property advisers, in a report

New players are entering

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published last week.

nvestors, it explains. The Americans emerged as

OVERSEAS investment UK commercial property in 1995 was strong, totalling £1.78 billion, Christopher Warn:an

E60 million respectively. Investment from both the Middle East (£160 million) and Far East (£143 million)

increased slightly.

Debenham Thorpe says that the shortage of quality space in the UK market is a key factor supporting the pros pect for future rental growth, and, in addition, has encouraged overseas investors to back development, particularly in central London.

John Rigg, director of international investment at DTZ Debenham Thorpe, says: "I expect overseas investors to stay hungry for UK property. Moreover, overseas players have committed substantial sums to finance major developments and this has to be the clearest indicator that there is continued confidence and commitment in the future of UK commercial property.

The deal adds to Whitbread's

WHITBREAD Property, a. division of Whitbread plc, has taken a lease on the remaining Building II of The Herculean, pictured above, at Houghton Hall Office Park, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

An agreement has been made for a 20-year term for 13,500 sq ft on a rental rising to £10.50 a sq ft, an initial rent-free period and a break clause at the end of year five.

recent lease for its Beefeater subsidiary of 25,485 sq ft on **Building III of The Hercule**an and the letting of Building I of 19,125 sq ft to SR Comms, a subsidiary of TSB International, Toronto.

● GENERAL Accident Life Assurance Ltd and Capital and City plc have begun construction of Queensberry House, Old Burlington

Street, London WI, the largest development in Mayfair in the past ten years. The offices will be arranged on ground and five upper floors, and will have frontages onto both Old Burlington Street and Savile Row. There will also be an underground, 317space public car park, eight retail units in Savile Row

Construction, Laing, will take about two with completion scheduled for late 1997.

• MEPC UK Ltd, owner of the Royal Priors shopping centre in Royal Learnington Spa, is proposing a £2 million extension to the centre after the acquisition of a block of property adjacent to one of the main entrances.

will provide 10.000 sq ft of retail space on two floors, and the Victorian façade will be retained. The project is due for completion before Christmas this year in time for the annual rush.

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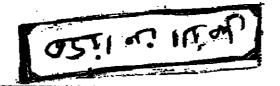
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### Bailey names Christie as Olympic rival

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD CHRISTIE will run in the Olympic Games this summer. Who says so? Donovan Bailey, the 100 metres world champion. While Christie, training and competing splendidly in Australia, remains coy on the issue, Bailey is in no doubt, "Linford is going to the Olympics," he said. He emphasised the "is", as deliberately as if he were sticking his chest out at the

Bailey went for sticking his neck out yesterday, saying: "Linford and I are very similar personalities and, if I were training in January, I would be training to do something really spectacular. Apparently, he is running only three or four indoor meets. That is a huge indication that he is planning on excelling in the summer. If he excels in the summer, he will definitely want to do it in Atlanta [the Games venue]."

Christie, the Olympic champion. said on television last June that he was "definitely not going" to the Olympics; but he also said: "When i get the season over with, that's it for me." He has just run 10.00sec in Perth and the popular theory is that Bailey is right.

Similar personalities Christie and Bailey may be, but that would not be the media view in Great Britain. Bailey sprinted through a series of interviews in London yesterday and, during one with The Times, lived up to his billing in the Toronto Sun, a tabloid from back home in Canada. "Personable" it called him last month, unaffected by his new status, and personable

One striking contrast between the two is their recent stance over money. Christie, though faultlessly loyal to Britain for nine years, entered a pay dispute last summer when the British Athletic Federation could least afford it. Bailey, recognising that Canadian athletics needs his help, ran a three-race indoor series in Hamilton, Saskatoon and Montreal this month, winning the overall top prize. How much? A meagre Can \$5,000 (about

Bruny Surin, another Canadian, and second in the world championships while Christie was sixth, also appeared. "Bruny and I discussedthis in September, that we need to do a lot for the sport in Canada," Bailey said. Although Hamilton attracted only 6,000 spectators --Canadian, pulled in a capacity no year. 1996, perhaps?

17,000 for his comeback in 1991 after a drugs scandal — Bailey is convinced that, finally, the public is

being won over again.
"Montreal and Saskatoon did very well," Bailey said. "I think the crowds are finally coming around to what the guys are doing for the sport in Canada now." Not that Johnson appears bothered, now that he is banned for life after a second drugs offence. "I don't think Ben really cares what is going on

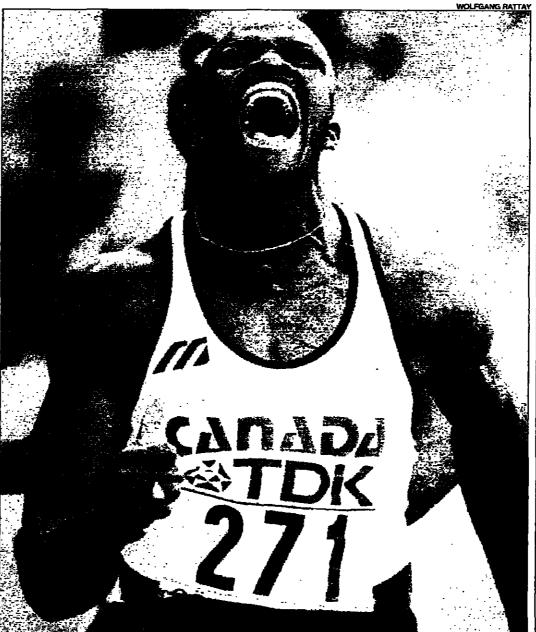
now," Bailey said.
"Right now, I am the sprinter from Canada and I know I have to compete to answer those questions." Questions like: "How many times have you been drugs-tested?" He replied: "I probably got tested 27 times last year and that was just indoors. Hey, I'm from Canada.

During the world champion-ships in Gothenburg last summer, Bailey and Surin did not want to discuss Johnson. "We do not answer questions about Ben Johnson any more," Bailey said. "We both get headaches over this thing." Yesterday, he said: "I got irritated, but now I realise it is just part of it."

Bailey, like Christie, was born in Jamaica. Like Christie, he was 25 before he was told by his coach either to knuckle down to training or not to bother. He certainly did not need sport for the money. An investment consultant, he owned a Porsche and a house years ago. "I did all these things when I was 20,"

Christie and Carl Lewis are mentioned by Bailey as the sprinters whom he admires most, but Jesse Owens, the winner of four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics, heads his list. "A lot of people have compared Carl to him, but I do not think there is any comparison at all," Bailey said. "1984 was set up so Carl could win his four [gold] medals. Jesse Owens just went and ran ... but I would be lying if I did not mention Ben Johnson. He set the world on fire and, even now, on film he is a marvel to watch, though obviously we know why." On the walls of the building

where Bailey was appearing on behalf of Adidas, his clothing sponsor, was a display of kit and numbers worn by athletes en route to Olympic gold: Owens (1936), Emil Zatopek (1952), Wilma Rudolph (Rome 1960), Bob Beamon. (1968). At the end of the line was Ben Johnson, the sport's infamous Bailey's leotard. No number on it;



Bailey's greatest moment on the track: winning the world 100 metres title in Gothenburg last year

### Woodhall can please purists

TRADITIONALISTS will be pleased to see Richie Woodhall in action tonight at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre, when the European middleweight champion de-fends his title against Derek Wormald of Rochdale (Srikumar Sen writes). Woodhall, from Telford, who won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games and a bronze in the Seoul Olympic Games, is a delight to watch and will appeal to those BBC viewers who, like Henry Cooper, are tired of too much hype and showman-

ship in the ring. It is refreshing to see that good old English boxing skills can still be effective in the hands of a cool. retired) and, after that, he was out yesterday because McCracken no-nonsense professional. Wood- of action for three years. His has a kidney infection.

hall may not be the most exciting of performers for those who watch boxing to see knockouts and hear boastful talk, but he is perhaps the finest boxer the country has produced since Ken Buchanan.

Wormald, 30, is a replacement for Salvador Yanez, a Chilean boxing out of Germany, and the Rochdale man's nomination by the European Boxing Union was a surprise, since he had not done anything to merit stepping into the ring with a boxer of Woodhall's calibre. In 1989, Wormald was knocked out in one round by Gary Stretch (now

return has been far from spectacular, with his best performance a points win over a former British championship challenger, Antonio Fernandez.

Nevertheless, Wormald is strong and aggressive enough to bring out the best in the champion. His forward-moving style should suit Woodhall, who, after comprehensively outboxing him. should stop his challenger in about six rounds on cuts or the referee's intervention.

Robert McCracken's Commonwealth middleweight championship defence against Paul Busby, of Worcester, was called off

### Riches eroding wealth of talent

MIDWEEK VIEW

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gifted ball-players of the past decade. OK: Maradona, Shane Warne, Jimmy White, Brian Lara, Andre Agassi, er, er . . . well, if we set the standard that high, it's

not going to be a very big club, is it?

It is the last two that concern me today. Lara has just returned to cricket after missing the World Series Cup one-day tournament because he was a bit tired. "I was exhausted mentally ... and a lot of my game is based on the mental side." Well, so is everybody's, Brian: you are not the only sportsman with a head.

Agassi, meanwhile, chucked away a grand slam semi-final, losing in supine fashion to Michael Chang because: "I just wasn't there." He shrugged it off: defeat is something he can live with. Is this a terribly grown-up attitude or tre-mendously childish? Tremendous-

ly Agassi, anyway. Another thing these two athletes have in common,

along with their preposterous ballplaying gifts, is money. Pots and pots of it. Riches that even approach own natural gifts. Both men have been relentiessly criticised for their wealth. "The commercial demands upon him are like an albatross about his neck," the West Indies manager. Wes Hall, said –

and he is never a man short of an

orotund phrase. Agassi has been involved in many tacky but rewarding ventures. The keynote enterprise was the advertising campaign with the slogan: "Image is everything". Agassi made a fortune while we scoffed. But then, I think: suppose I were a great poet. A genius. Recognised as such in my twenties. Though fearful of poetic burn-out at 30, I had done enough to make me greatly respected. And I was working on an epic that I knew would make me one of the greats. But, in the new commercial climate, poetry is sexy. Sponsors queue up. They want to pay me a fortune to write silly rhymes about mobile phones. In two years I can be a multimillionaire - or I can finish the epic. What do I choose? What I do, of course, is to fool

myself, pretend I can do both. But I cannot. I have to fail - though only at the very, very highest level. Do I fail because I have gone have enough time? But I really am

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something I can live with. You are a poetry fan yourself, but you are fair. You really cannot blame me for taking such a decision. But it saddens you. It is dreadfully disappointing: not for me, but for you.

In purely financial terms, certainly Agassi, and probably Lara. need never hit a ball in anger again. In fact, a blame-free, career ending injury would probably be the best career move for either - if. by career, one means money. For every athlete risks humiliation at every entry into the arena. Agassi and Lara have more to lose than most. Not a match: marketability.

The great performers of even the fairly recent past were not greatly rewarded. In the early days of sport as industry — say, soon after the last war — there was no chance of making much money before your

gifts had fully matured. The great players of the Eighties missed the boat, but only just. They were media super-

stars, but not instant millionaires. And so they had to play their careers out - those that escaped the routine and vicious culling of sport, through injury, premature waning of the talents, selectorial caprice. But now, we reward athletes amounts of money The word normally used is "obscene"

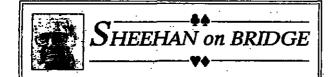
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seems more appropriate, but that is not quite fair either. You need the gifts, and you need to hone them to the highest competitive edge. These youthful million-

aires are not nothing. The word we should really use for the Lara-Agassi Syndrome is disappointment. Not theirs: ours. It seems dreadful to be deprived of the joys of seeing these wondrously gifted people in action, in the most revealing possible situation. That

is, at the heart of the struggle. These people get their rewards because they excite us. They bring us joy, they have a command over our imaginations. And that is what makes them marketable. Alas, either the fortunes they make or the time they must allot to making them seems inevitably to erode the level of performance.

Commerce, in seizing greatness, can only only diminish it. Like the tourist, commercial man destroys whatever he seeks, whatever he finds. But do not blame the athlete: slightly soft? Or is it that I do not nor even the commercial man. The great waste is only made possible most awfully rich. And the loss of by our own love.



By Robert Sheehan, Bridge correspondent The most-capped pair in English internationals is that of Graham Kirby and John Armstrong. They were also in the British squad that won the European championship in 1989. The hand below shows one of their rare poor results.

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What do you think Kirby should lead? He found the imaginative shot of a low spade. This would have been the winning play if East had had a doubleton spade and South better hearts — when East won the club king the defence would have the communication to cash four spade tricks.

On the actual deal a low spade was a disaster — the declarer was able to finesse clubs into East and make one spade, one heart, five di-amonds and four club tricks. If Kirby had led a heart, or if he had led a high spade and then switched to a heart, the contract would have gone

At the other table, the auction started the same way but West doubled South's One Diamond bid. That had the advantage of showing

both his major suits, although in my view is inferior to bidding One Spade — if North becomes the declarer, West wants to ensure he gets a spade lead. However, on this occasion, the double enabled East to bid Four Hearts, after a diamond lead and club switch that came home for a big swing against Kirby's team.

☐ Terence Reese died on Monday, aged 82. He was an outstanding player, a member of the only British team to win the world team championship (in 1955). But above all he was the finest heiden writer the came has bridge writer the game has

Obituary, page 17 ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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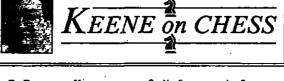
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b. Buddhist ritual dancing

a. Wild cherry soup b. An honour code c. A plạin

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Answers on page 41



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Queen sacrifice

The Ukranian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk is currently on a roll. Towards the end of last year he shared first place at Horgen, Switzerland with Vladimir Kramnik, in the process inflicting a terrible defeat on none other than the world champion Garry Kasparov. Ivanchuk has now furthered his career with a fine victory in the Wijk aan Zee tournament in Holland.

Today's game was one of his most creative achievements from that competition. After an extremely sharp and volatile opening Ivanchuk as-tounded both the spectators and his opponent by sacrificing his queen on move 21, hurling his most powerful piece into the vitals of the black position, where it could be captured by a black bishop.

After this spectacular coup Ivanchuk had two pieces for his opponent's queen, but the impetus of his attack was such that Black was unable to defend. This is likely to be considered one of the best games of the year, its merit being increased by the fact that the loser is one of the most imaginative and aggressive of the younger school of grandmasters.

White: Vassily Ivanchuk Black: Alexei Shirov Wijk aan Zee, January 1996

Semi-Slav Defence 1 d4 8 Bh4

hxg5 Nbd7 Bb7 c5 Ob6 cxb4 Nc5 Rd7 Bxg7 Rg8 d4 Rxb7 Ob6 Oxd4 Rxb4+ Rxa7+

Rd8+ Black resigns Diagram of final position

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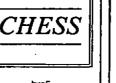
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING ROVE 

By Raymond Keene

Black to move. This position is from the game Perlis - Reti, Trebitsch Tournament 1910. Black is two pawns ahead and should win the game easily. However, it is always good to terminate resistance as quickly as possible and this is exactly what Black did here with a neat combination. Can you

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Uefa ready to back Super League

### European giants prepare to form elite competition

By David Maddock

Southampton chairman, gave him permission to speak to

me. I was shocked and a little

bit hurt by that. Obviously, I

wanted the club to say no. The message was fairly clear

when they didn't. They didn't

Ball will unveil his latest

former can deliver the quality

that has been missing in front

it from there because he's go

a tremendous football brain."

Newcastle United's directors met yesterday to discuss

whether to increase their offer

Roberto Carlos, the Brazil

refused an opportunity to join

Middlesbrough. "I know they

want to buy me, but I am

Harry Redknapp, the West

likely to retain the side that

lost 1-0 to Manchester United

nine days ago for the visit of

battle. The clubs are separat-

bottom of the Premiership.

Ewood Park

out here," he said.

covering the controversial PLANS for a European Super Bosman ruling, television money, extension of the Uefa League are likely to be approved at a special meeting next week between the leading Cup and a reduction of the clubs from Europe's 12 most powerful footballing nations Premiership in England to, ultimately, 16 clubs. But it is and Uefa, the governing body. AC Milan, with the backing of the plan to expand the European Cup into a league compethe likes of Manchester United tition, catering for the biggest and Barcelona, will introduce proposals which could revolunames in Europe, that will attract most attention. Milan will propose that a tionise the face of the game on

European midweek league be the Continent. Graham Kelly, chief execucreated, culminating in a final at the end of May each year. Clubs such as themselves. tive of the Football Associ-ation, with Sir Bert Millichip, Manchester United, Real Mathe chairman, will lead an English delegation to the drid, Bayern Munich and meeting in Switzerland on Ajax would gain automatic entry, whether or not they were champions of their do-February 7. Rick Parry, of the FA Premier League, and representatives of Manchester mestic competition. The plan United, Arsenal and Liverpool has received widespread sup-

Ball prepares for rowdy reception

By David Maddock and Russell Kempson

AFTER his acrimonious departure from Southampton during the summer. Alan Ball, now the manager of Manchester City, is expecting a heated reception from the returns to The Dell this evening. "There will be a minority down there who will no doubt have something to shout about," be said.
The word they will be

shouting loudest is "Judas" --



Clough: intelligent

south coast for Maine Road. Ball was accused of turning his back on Southampton in favour of City's gold. Not true, he counters.

"I don't want anyone to thìnk I walked out," Ball said yesterday. "I didn't lt was Southampton who made it fairly clear that they weren't going to fight to get me to stay. "There was an inquiry from

Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, about my services, and, instead of turning it down. Guy Askham, the cricitism of its stewardship of the European game in recent

A spokesman from the comminee organising the meeting for Uefa said last night: "We will listen to any proposals and give our support if that is what the member associations are in favour of. We are eager to ensure that the European Cup develops along lines appropriate to the evolution of European competition."

The richest clubs in Europe are now ready to create their competition, which would initially run alongside a reduced domestic programme. In the long-run, however, there will be the potential for the competition to develop into a fully-fledged Europe-wide league, with the biggest clubs turning their backs on their home leagues.

Maurice Watkins, a director of Manchester United, who is a legal advisor to the Premiership on European footballing matters, conceded that a Euro-League is likely to be approved

at the meeting next week.
"Many clubs, Milan chief amongst them, have proposals for the development of the European Cup, and we will be getting something akin to a European League," he said. "That is certainly on the cards and it is something that could

be decided quite quickly."

Watkins will represent his club at the meeting with the aim of forcing Uefa to abandon its dogged insistence on keeping the "three plus two forcing the plus signings, Nigel Clough and Michael Frontzeck, at The Dell and he is hoping that the foreigners" rule which limits the number of overseas playof goal this season. "Nigel will start." Ball said. "With him. ers allowed in European competition. you just put him in the situation and tell him to take

The Bosman ruling in the European Court of Justice outlawed such restrictive regulations, and most domestic competitions - including the Premiership - have already scrapped their own rule regarding foreigners.

for David Batty, the Black-burn Rovers midfield player, to £4 million. If they decline, "We feel very strongly on this issue. Uela's stance, acmission, is outside the law. manager. Ray Harford, to and we believe it is unacceptconcentrate on a future at able for them to continue with it." Watkins said. "We have international defender with been unable to field the team Internazionale of Milan, has we wanted in Europe, and we have had to pay a premium on English players — such as the Andy Cole transfer. That ought to have been swept happy with Inter. I have told Juninho (the Middlesbrough away by the Bosman ruling striker, also from Brazili that and we want to see it happen he should come and join me quickly.

Uefa has indicated that there is likely to be another Ham United manager, is significant motion for English clubs to ponder. They are determined to force the Premiership to reduce its num-Coventry City to Upton Park bers to 18 by 1997-98, or face tonight in a match that looks sanctions, including the resuspiciously like a relegation moval of a European place. "I can't see a reduction without a ed by three points near the lot of blood being spili." Watkins said.



### McCarthy prompts recovery at a stroke

Cambridge University ... 3 Royal Navy .....1

By Sydney Friskin

CAMBRIDGE University recovered from a shaky start to defeat the Royal Navy com-fortably at Wilberforce Road yesterday in the first stage of their preparation to meet Oxford in the University match at Reading on February 27.

Cambridge's play was scrappy in the first half, their passing erratic. They also gave the ball away too often. Midway through the half, they missed an excellent opportunity to take the lead when McCarthy's penalty stroke hit the crossbar.

The Navy, advancing in higher gear, seized the initia-tive as the interval approached and, in the 27th minute, Math-

from a short corner being well Cambridge raised their

game in the second half, through better teamwork, but good detensive work by the Navy held them at bay. After missing a couple of chances, Cambridge levelled the score in the 47th minute when McCarthy converted a penalty stroke, making amends for his earlier miss.

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Cl Oxford University were defeated 3-1 vesterday by the Royal Air Force at RAF Halton Robert Brown scored two goals for the RAF, with Cartmell adding to the score. Bell replied for Oxford from a

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### Higgins falls to underdog

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self that I was prepared, but I wasn't," the provisional world

It is fair to assume that

Higgins will not make the

same mistake in his next

game. He intends to practise

MONICA SELES, troubled

by a shoulder injury, pulled

out of the doubles to concen-

trate on the singles as Martina

Hingis beat Gabriela Sabatini

60 and 68.

No 2 said.

JOHN HIGGINS, so often cast as the upstart conqueror of snooker's leading exponents, was given an unpalatable taste of his own medicine in the Regal Welsh Open at Newport yesterday when he was beaten 54 by Graeme Dott in the last 16.

Having won four ranking tournaments over the past 15 months, Higgins has changed from hunter to hunted and. against Dott, he discovered that no player can afford to drop his guard - regardless of an opponent's inexperience.

Dott, 13. from Glasgow. may occupy 190th place in the rankings but he defeated Alan McManus 54 in the previous round on Monday and is clearly not intimidated by reputations.

seven hours daily before meet-A 104 break in the third frame earned Dott a 2-1 lead ing Stephen Hendry in the and provided a sign of things first round of the Benson and to come. Higgins moved 4-3 Hedges Masters at Wembley ahead but, repeating his strong finish against McManus, Dott played flaw-lessly to account for the closnext week. Dott faces John Parrott in

Seles's involvement

restricted by injury

By Our Sports Staff

the quarter-finals today and is already assured of collecting ing two frames with breaks of £5.500, the largest cheque of his career. Parrott eased through by extending his un-Higgins was honest when it came to offering reasons for beaten sequence against Denhis below-par display. "I nis Taylor to 13 matches with a 5-1 victory. haven't put in enough work for this tournament and 1 haven't shown the game

Breaks of 109, 66 and 56 highlighted a solid performance from Peter Ebdon as he deteated Bilty Snaddon, of Scotland, 5-2. His quarter-final opponent will be the Welshman, Mark Williams. who beat Terry Murphy 5-2 in the latter's first appearance in the last 16 of a ranking event.

### Butt appeals against West Ham dismissal

THE Football Association is considering an appeal by Nicky Butt, of Manchester United, against his sending off by Stephen Lodge, the referee from Barnsley, in the game against West Ham United last week. Butt was dismissed after collecting a second yellow card for a late challenge on the West Ham full back, Julian Dicks.

Butt fouled Dicks seconds after the defender had collided with Andy Cole with a similarly vigorous challenge that went unpunished. The FA's disciplinary committee will view a video of the incident before deciding whether to ask the official to change his mind.

The Portuguese football association has presented Bobby Robson with a top award for his services to football. Robson, who manages FC Porto, is the fifth person to receive the Vitor Santos prize, awarded to leading football personalities.

### Snow springs surprise

REALTENNIS: The British No I, Julian Snow, has caused a big upset by winning the US Open championship (Sally Jones writes). His defeat of Wayne Davies in the final was the first time that Davies, the former world champion, has lost on his home New York court since 1981. Snow took the opening set, lost the next but then raised his game in the third, making hardly any unforced errors and using astute tactics to keep Davies on the defensive. In the fourth set, he cut several exquisite strokes into the corners and went on to win 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. The victory will give Snow another chance to challenge for the world championship.

### Currie moves in

RUGBY LEAGUE: London Broncos have appointed the former Australia centre, Tony Curric, as coach in succession to Gary Grienke. Currie, who had a spell with Leeds between 1984 and 1986, had been employed as a specialist defensive coach by Brisbane Broncos, who have agreed to release him. London parted company with Grienke. another Australian, after finishing second from bottom of the Stones Championship this season.

### Nielsen back in favour

BADMINTON: Anders Nielsen, the national champion whose dispute with the Badminton Association of England whose cuspane with the naturalities Association of England has led to them denying him funding until the end of the Olympic qualifying period, has nevertheless been selected to play for England in the world team championships in Prague next month. "I just felt I had to pick our best players if we are to get to the finals." Ciro Ciniglio, the England team manager, said yesterday.

### Bates falls to Tarango

MOULDIRA TENNIS: left Tarango, the controversial American player, beat Jeremy Bates in the ATP Tour event in Shanghai yesterday to set up a second-round match with another British player, Danny Sapsford, Tarango, who was fined a record £10,000 for his outburst at Wimbledon last year, beat Bates 6-4, 7-6 while Sapsford made progress at the expense of Tomas Nydahl, of Sweden. Tim Henman and Mark Petchey were other British winners yesterday.

### Coffin sets record

SHOOTING: Rodney Coffin, an oil company executive from Devon, set a Tasmanian shooting record yesterday when he scored 199 out of 200 with ten shots at 300, 600, 700 and 900 yards. Shooting for London and Middlesex in the last match of their Australasian tour, he was part of the team of ten that heat Tasmania by 1,930 to 1,921. It was the first time in the modern era that a United Kingdom team had won in the island state.

### Ban on cockerels may ruffle French

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THE Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) yesterday cried "fowl" and warned French rugby supporters not to attempt to smuggle cockerels into Murrayfield on Saturday. Anyone caught doing so will nal proceedings.

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deter anyone who is thinking of bringing a cockerel with them," McCulloch said.

doubt about our determination to stamp out this practice - and those who still try and smuggle in cockerels do so in the knowledge that they are acting illegally." Unhappy France supporters

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named in the Leinster team to play New South Wales at Lansdowne Road on Friday at the request of the national selectors. The scrum half was treland's first choice in the World Cup in South Africa last summer, but since recovering from a shoulder injury has had to play understudy to

France on February 17.

half to Christian Saverimutto in Ireland's recent matches against the United States and Scotland. Hogan's selection may be the first step towards an international recall against

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shoulder. Seles's win in Australia was her first grand slam tourna-

ment victory since she returned to tennis last August after being stabbed during a



match in Hamburg in 1993. A statement from the police in Victoria said that they had been alerted to a security threat made against an unnamed player during the Australian Open and extra police had been assigned.

Seles, who plays her first singles match in Tokyo today. against Irina Spirlea. of Ro-mania, suffered a muscle strain to her left shoulder during the Australian Open. in the early rounds of the event, she also needed two hours of treatment each day on a groin injury and hired a physiotherapist for the duration of the tournament.

Seles had entered the doubles in Tokyo with Kimiko Date, of Japan, the world No 6 and home tayourite. The biggest action on court

yesterday was Hingis's win over Sabatini, the former world No 3. Sabatini, the winner of the tournament in 1987 and 1991, looked to be making a comeback when she took a 3-I lead in the second set, but Hingis, 15, from Switzerland, showed poise beyond her years, steadying her game and fighting back to take the

match. "It was not as easy as the score looked," Hingis said, Hingis, who reached her first grand slam tournament quarter-linal in the Australian Open, said that she was not overawed by facing Sabatini. the No 6 seed.

"It's maybe easier to play one of the seeded players because you have nothing to lose," she said.

#### Murrayfield, Ian McCulloch, the SRU's head of security are appealing through the French press in an effort to By MARK SOUSTER Niail Hogan was yesterday

be refused entry to Scotland's second international in the five nations' championship this year and may face crimi-

The problem has become

said. The union will step up security around the stadium to try to prevent live birds being taken in and released. "It will also cause distress to

the person concerned, as he or she may face criminal proceedings, and will be escorted from the ground." McCulloch The SRU has held talks with

the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruety to Animais, the police and the Department of Trade and industry to combat the threat. "Our concern is primarily

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Manly, the defending champions, and Stellenbosch University head the list of teams at the Greenyards on April 13.

Alain Rolland at Leinster. He was also reserve scrum-

b-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Hanging over the tournament, however, was a news-paper report from Melbourne that a caller had threatened Seles's life before she took the

the report in announcing, at the last minute yesterday, that she was pulling out of the doubles to protect her



### Maguire ready for swift return

A SERIES of workouts at David Nicholson's stable early tomorrow morning will determine whether Adrian Maguire returns to the saddle for the high-profile meeting at Sandown on Saturday.

Maguire is optimistic that the knee injury he sustained in a fall eight days ago has sufficiently recovered for what amounts to a dress rehearsal for several of Nicholson's Cheltenham candidates. The jockey, who returned from a short break in Ireland last night, was initially expected to be out of action for six weeks.
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Adrian's agenda," Dave Roberts, who acts as Maguire's agent, said. "He feels pretty much back to normal and is confident there will be no reaction when he rides out." Ironically, Maguire's weeklong absence has coincided with the freezing conditions: he has missed no ride of any consequence. Nicholson, for his part, is

anxious to assess the fitness of his stable jockey in advance of the weekend. The trainer could be represented in six of the seven races at the Esher track, with Percy Smollett spearheading the challenge in the Agfa Diamond Chase. Other definite starters include Martin's Lamp, Chicodari and Miss Optimist.

Billygoat Gruff and Pharanear are also entered but have alternative engagements, at Wetherby and Chepsiow respectively, as the Nicholson net is cast far and wide. The very much like to school the horses later in the week but it is all in the hands of the weather," the trainer said. "It would not be possible at the moment. The ground is

The Siberian climate has

FOOTBALL

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FA Carling Premiership



The front-running Martin's Lamp is one of several fancied rides for Maguire at Sandown on Saturday

tions for the Cheltenham Festival, which starts in less than six weeks. Several novices are short of racecourse experience, among them Right Win, who makes his second start over timber in the Agfa Hurdle on Saturday. Coral yesterday clipped Right Win's Champion Hurdle odds two points to 12-1. The firm also lengthened the price of Danoli and his recent Leopardstown conquer-

or, Collier Bay, to 9-2 and 10-1

The bleak weather forecast also extends to Ireland, where the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup is scheduled for Leopardstown on Sunday. Master Oats, Jodami and possibly Monsieur Le Cure are to confront an Irish defence led by Flashing Steel, trained by John Mulhern.

"They are predicting heavy frosts all week with torrential rain on race-day," Mulhern said yesterday. "That's a recipe for gluepot conditions and would put my horse's participation in doubt. Having said that, the horse is crying out for a run and there isn't exactly a lot of choice. It's a big dilem-

Another dilemma surrounds riding arrangements for Flashing Steel. Mulhern has an agreement with Jamie Osborne, who is wanted by Kim Bailey for Master Oats. "I don't even want to begin to worry about that yet," Mulhern said. "As I see it, I

have an agreement with my jockey and have thought no more of it." Not for the first time, Os-

borne has had a foot in two camps where Master Oats is concerned. With Charlie Swan, who partnered Master Oats in the King George VI Chase, committed to Life Of A Lord, Osborne is expected to ride the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner at Leopardstown if Richard Dunwoody is available for Flashing Steel.

HESULTS FROM YESTERDAYS TWO MEETINGS

### Cold spell maintains grip on turf meetings

THE predicted thaw has been slow to take effect, with today's scheduled meeting at Windsor becoming the 56th casualty of the National Hunt season after an inspec-

tion yesterday.

Despite a slightly warmer night there was still frost and snow on the Berkshire track and Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, was forced to abandon. "There is further frost forecast, adding to that remaining in the ground," he said.

Towcester and Sedgefield hold inspections this morning to determine prospects for tomorrow's fixtures, while Kelso will inspect at 3.30 this afternoon to see whether .. Friday's meeting can go ahead. Friday's other turf card at Folkestone has no reported problems.

Sandown, due to stage Saturday's feature meeting, also hangs in the balance. Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course, said: "The course looks better than it is, particularly in areas that have obviously been raced over. There are bare parts that are still frozen solid.

"It would be pointless having an official look before Friday morning. The prospects at the moment are no better than 50-50."

Rodger Farrant, clerk of the course at Chepstow, where racing is also due to take place on Saturday, reports some frozen patches on the track, but said: "It is too early to have an official look. The going is good to soft at the moment, but we couldn't have raced today."

Musselburgh

Going: good to firm, firm in places

Going: good to firm, firm in places

1.20 (2m hole) 1, EUROLINK THE REBEL

(P Niver, 11-4, Private Handicapper's top
rating): 2, Cusens Consul (R Supple, E-4
aut): 3, Princess Medine (A Roche, 8-1)
ALSO RAN: 10 French Project, 12 Misser
Casus (Edit), 13 Wild Brook, 50 Loch Garma (pu),
Moolaji, My Handy Man, 56 Cover Gar. 12,
All 181, 34, 34, 34, M Harmond at
Middisham. Tota: 23,40, 51,20, 51,40,
82,80, DF 52,80, The 55,50 CSF 56,74

2.20 (3m hdle) 1, MASTER OF THE ROCK [E Husband, 11-8 law); 2, Able Player (J Burke, 7-2), 3. The Laughing Lord (A Thomton, 9-2), ALSO RAN 5 German Legend (5th), 9 Just Supposen (f), 20 Topicomer (4h) 6 ran, 14l, sh hd, 14l, 30 Mackle at Church Broughton, Tote C1 60, C1, 10, 62.50, DF: £3.30 CSF: £6.45

2.50 (2m 4) ch) 1, PURITAN (Ass P Jones, 5-2 f-lav), 2. Charming Galle IA Wat, 3-1).
3, Houghton (P Carberry, 5-1) ALSO RAN:
5-2 f-lav Rapid Mover (ah), 10 Wat You There (5th), 5 ran NR The Laughing Lord 3th, 2, 2, 4, 15, N Thise at Matton, Tota 92,70; £1.30, £2.10 DF £3.00 CSF £9.28.

3.20 (2m 4) note) 1. BLUE CHARM (T Reed. 2-1 fav), 2. Young Steven (S McDougal).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OCEAN PARK (3.10 Wolverhampton)

Next best: King Rambo

(2.40 Wolverhampton)

20-1), 3, Triennium (I, Wyer, 6-1), ALSO RAN, 3 Wild Rose Of York (4th, 4 Seyna Dencer (5th), 10 Stread Thought (6th), 20 Krifaurs Daricer (ur), 7 ren 154, 8t. 4t. 10t, 13t. Wirs S Bradburne at Care Tote 12.8t), C1 80, 65

5.50 (3m ch) 1. GRAND SCENETY (P. Carbery, 6-4 few), 2. Sand (fing (A. Thornton, 25-1), 3. Overwhelm (Mr M. Thornton, 11-1). Also RAN, 7-4 Meny Rose (pu), 5-2 Farmer's Hand (I) 5 ran. 141, dist. Jiohnson al Crook. Total: C2.10. £1 asswards inquiry, result stood.

elewerds' inquiry, resulf stood.
4.20 (2m flet rece) 1. COLONEL, GEORGE
(J.Burke, 100-30 flex), 2, Chief Of Khorassian
(S.Porntt, 14-1), 3. War Whoop Ni Horocks,
7-2, ALSO RAN 9-2 Just [ike Bed (4m), 6
Hightens Spin, 9 Gentle Gambler (Sirb., 10
Bowland Park (6th), 16 Cettic Confrair,
Whiterial Piyer, 20 Pipes Ol Pan, 25 Hitch's
Pet, Leighten Lass, 66 Beancroft 13 ran 51,
4, 114, 2, 5, Mrs S. Bremail at Thisk. Toter
55.00. C3.50, C3.30, C3.20 DF, C30 S0 Tho
103.80 (part won; pool of E116-98 camed
lorward to 3.10 Wolverhampton today). CSP:
248.41 Placepot: E17.10. Quaelpot: 55.90.

BLINKSRED FIRST TIME: Wolverhampton: 2.10 Considerable Charm, Woolverskyne

☐ Klairon Davis may run in the Queen Mother Champion

Chase at Cheltenham despite

being beaten a neck by Brock-

ley Court in the Ballymore Eustace Handicap Chase at

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### WOLVERHAMPTON

2.10 Speedy Snaps Pride 2.40 Sir Tasker 3.10 Ocean Park

3.40 Ultra Barley 4.10 MYSTIC TEMPO (nap) 4.40 Wonderful Day

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 PRINCELY SOUND. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Lady Nash. 3.10 Bernard Seven. 3.40 PRINCELY SOUND (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

course and distance winner 8F — besten brounte in latest race) Going on which horse has sen (F — farm, good to strot, hard. G — good. S — soot, good to solk, heavy). Owner on brackets Tockets. Age and weight. Hader place any allowance. The Times Private Handlicapper's risking.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW, NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 CHIVE MAIDEN HANDICAP (E2,900: 7f) (12 runners) 

BETTING: 1-2 Lady Naso, 4-1 Errant, 5-1 Boost, 6-1 Considerable Charm, 7-1 Speedy Snaps Price, 8-1 Pronograms, Serious Fact, 10-1 Anotherone to Mole, 12-1 others.

1996: ZIGGY'S DANCER 4-9-6 J Weaver (3-1) E Alston 7 ran FORM FOCUS

ERRANT short-head 3nd of 8 to Your Mest Wel-corse in mades at Linguistic (AW, 1m 2f) with BOUST (230) better off) about 22 (30 80 NRT) with BOUST (230) better off) about 22 (30 80 NRT) with RAL 22418 (36) of 11 to Fitty Gerke in auction mades at Southwell (AW, 7f) LADY NASH 1441 2nd of 16 to Jatorsect in condi-tions race at Southwell (AW, 1m), AMOTHERONS TO NOTE 941 3nd of 10 to Lapytours in apprention lockeys' bandscap at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penul-

2.40 SAGE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,398: 51) (8 numers) 

BETTING: 7-4 Sar Tasker, 3-1 King Rambo, 7-2 Sep-Deat, 5-1 Promula Barn, 10-1 Magic Pearl, 14-1 Other: 1995: PROMULA BANKW 5-9-1 J Webser (11-10) Mrs J Ramsden 4 ran

#### FORM FOCUS

SEA-DEER about 29/1 4th of 14 to Miles in claimer at Lingdeld (AW, 60). SER TASKER 1<sub>c</sub> and head and of 14 to Thine Deer in selfer at Supplied (AW, 60) ment Pershallula Burkin (25) better off) about 25/1 and FLASHRIG SARRE (650 better off) about 25/1 14th. KING RAMED 21 2nd of 11 to Selection: SEA-DEER (http://doi.org/10.1001/j.com/10.1

### 3.10 ROSEMARY HANDICAP (£5,330: 1m 1179yd) (12 Junners)

301 (5) 0029-55 SUITH EASTERN FRED 8 (CD.F.G) (SE Decircial H Collegidge 5-10 O M Risemer 95 302 (3) 0029-51 CELESTIAL CHORT 19 (CJ.F.S.) (Mrs. C. Sylard J. Eyre 6-5-11 ... O Pears (3) 98 303 (5) 0005-10 SERINARD SEVEN 8 (B.CD.F.S) (Br. C. Sylard J. Eyre 6-5-11 ... O Pears (3) 98 305 (7) 0035-40 NONREYEV DANCER 7 (C.S.) (D Gallegher) A Bailey 4-9-7 ... L. Demod 95 305 (7) 240029 ... JUNGLE PATROL 190 (F) (Progests Racog) C Marray 4-9-5 ... M Telburil - 305 (7) 00332-1 005AN PARK 14 (C.S.) (E Record Laby Homes 5-9-5 ... M Telburil - 307 (4) 440000 ... BLLE SHAAD) 48 (C.S.) (The Bhoty Hairfally Patriershu) E Alsson 4-9-3 J Fortune 93 307 (4) 440000 ... BLLE SHAAD) 48 (C.S.) (The Bhoty Hairfally Patriershu) E Alsson 4-9-3 J Fortune 93 308 (10) 022003 QUANRA 88 (F.S.) (M Richy) T Clement 5-9-3 ... J Stack (3) 92 309 (1) 3505-22 BENICKO 11 (V.CD.F.S) (6 Wilston) Ms M Macander 7-8-13 Amende Sanders (5) 95 310 (2) 2233-01 RED DG VISCON 7 (CD.F.S) (R Wilston) Ms M Macander 7-8-13 Amende Sanders (5) 93 311 (9) 411280 ... DOCONOTOMOO 113 (F.G.S.) (The P 1 Partnesshu) M Behl 5-8-7 ... M Fection 93 311 (1) 5000-51 GREY ABANN 18 (B.C.S.) (Circen Discrete Chorte, 2-9 Calestate Chort. 8-2 Calestate (Tot. 8-2 Calestate Chort. 8-2 Calestate Chor

ETTING: 7.2 Collected Choir, 9.2 Octom Part, 6.1 Field Of Vision, 8-1 Bertano, Ouivira, 10-1 Bernard Seven, Grej Again, 12-1 Gulf Stagel, South Extern Frett, 14-1 others. 1995; LEGAL PICTION 4-8-7 T Williams (G-1) M Johnston 11 ran

### FORM FOCUS

SOUTH EASTERN FRED about 144 5th of 14 to King Di Tumes in Resolicap at Lingüesti (AW. 1m. 2) with BERNARD SEVEN (11b worse off) about 941 9th CRESTRU. CHOR completed double bed What's The Verdict 13 in 6-numer conditions race at Southwelf (AW. 1m. 4f). The ARTERN FRED GENERALD SEVEN bed SOUTH EASTERN FRED GREY AGAIN beat Carol Again 194 in 9-numer handisap as Southwelf (AW. 1m. 4f). The Southwelf (AW. 1m. 4f) in 9-numer handisap as Southwelf (AW. 1m. 4f). The Southwelf (AW. 1m. 4f) in 9-numer handisap as Southwelf (AW. 1m. 3f). INCE (AW) with KOMPREYEV DANC- | Selection: CELESTIAL CHOIR

### 3.40 HEADLAM FLOOR COVERING HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £5,256: 6f) (9 runners) 

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### FORM FOCUS

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CARRARTHEN BAY beat Crestion 8ti or 9-nomer raiden at Lingdied (AW, 6) NEVER GOLF EX-PRESS shour 12H 6th of 8 to Soviet Syle or canditions race at Lingdied (SI, pood to 8tm).

#### 4.10 MARJORAM SELLING STAKES (Qualifier: 3-Y-Q: £2,224: 6f) (11 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Mystic Tempo, 7-2 Bolly, 5-1 The Fullhengtatests. 6-1 Ellin Queen, 6-1 Victoria Sions, Dies-C, 12-I Flood's Fancy, 16-1 others.

#### 1995: WHITTINGHAM GIRL 8-12 G Cater (11-10 lav) J Berry 9 ran FORM FOCUS

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### 4.40 THYME HANDICAP (£3,469: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

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JEWSON WEBSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v Bemerton Heath.
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#### Lingfield Park Going: standard

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1.40 (5) 1. HEVER GOLF STAR (J Weever, 7-4 law), 2. Spender (J Stack, 9-2); 3. Half Tone (D Biggs, 6-1). ALSO RAN, 9-4 Super Rocky (4th), 11 Hanneh's Usher (5th), 12 Destent Dynash; (6th), 6 ran NR. Superiso Sh hd, hd, 2, 1 kl, 1% T Naughton at Epsom. Toter £250; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £9.60. CSF: £9.68.

2.10 (1m) 1. DANCING LAWYER (J Weaver, 5-2); 2. Spencer's Revenge (5 Bardwell, 2-1); 3. Mr. Nevermind (S Whitworth, 13-8 law). ALSO RAN: 16 Sandwell, 2-1); 3. Mr. Nevermind (S Whitworth, 13-8 law). ALSO RAN: 16 Sandwell, 2-1); 3. Mr. Also Ranizano, Eastleigh (4th), 20 What A Nigitimere (5th), 66 Eusave Size (6th) 7 ran. NR: Lonelly Vigt. 4t, 34t, 7t, 24t, 5. B. Meehan at Lambourn. Tote, £3.30, £1.50. £2.50. OF: £4.00. CSF: £7.97.

2.40 (1m 2) 1. DIEGO (M Lessen, 4-5 fevt;

9250. OF: E4.00. CSF: 27.97.
2.40 (Im 2) 1. DIEGO (M Larsen, 4-5 fav);
2. Bath Knight (G Caner, 6-1), 3. Berhason
(Cardy Morre, 40-1). ALSO FRN 9-4 Love
Bard, 14 Tanyar (4th), 18 Boylared (5th), 20
Double Jeopardy (6th), 40 Lady Elizabeth,
6-Full Of Tricks, 9 ran. 41, 143, 21, 13. C
Britlan at Newmarkel. Tote 12.40, E1.30,
21 10, 27 90. DF: E4.20, Tro. 558.30 CSF95.90.

(M Band, 50-1), 3, Soversign Prince (J. Ourn, 8-1). ALSO RAN 3 Chris Castle (4th), Destrict Beauty (6th), 7 Uoni, 12 Rahud (5th), 14 Hotipus Houthern, 50 Signs R.U.s, 66 Tartan Express; 10 ran Hot, sh hd, Ht, Ti, 314). M Johnston at Middleham Tote 84-20, E1 10, 68-80, 52-40 DF, 6559-80 Troc E324-80 (pert won, pool of E324-84 carried boward to 3.10 Wolverhempton today) CSF E30-47. Ticast: 9310-38
3.40 (77). P. PIESENT SITUATION (Armee Cook, 11-2), 2, Hasvall Storm (C Adamson, 9-1), 3, Crystal Heights (A Clark, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Fitry Gerte, 6 Master Mitheld (5th), 11 Four Of Spades, 25 Mo Canard (5th), 40 Ansai Boy, 50 Dragon Green, Martacher (trith), 10 ran 11, 34, 354, 34, 91 Lord Hurtingdon at West Issley, Tote: 57-40, E1-70, E2-40, E1-30 DF, 521-50 Troc 523-50, CSF 523.15 100-301, 2, Passy Grintes Fr Motify, 9-11.

3. Awashis (L Detton, 9-4 fav), ALSO FIAN 7
Nevengton Buts (5th), 8 Anyone Baby,
Random (6th), 12 Rockoracker, 16 Shayles
Doman, 20 Telarhus (4th), 40 Wilfrack
Femer, 10 ren, 194, 31, 194, 94, 194, G.
Horore at Epsorm Tote: £2 60, £1 10, £1 40,
£1 50 DF: £17.20 Tho; £17.10 CSF£31 00. Thosas: £73.89. 3.10 (1m 2f) 1, THORNTOUN ESTATE (D. McKeown, 11-4 lav). 2, Lord Ettengowen

Jackpot: £3,491.00. Placapot: £90.70.

### SNOW REPORTS

Conditions Runs to Pista Off/p resort AUSTRIA 5 30 fair varied closed fair 3 27/1 (Sking limited, best at Stuber, four of six lifts open) 5 75 tair varied art fine 2
(Still good piste skring on upper runs; 53 of 64 lifts open)
40 90 good varied good fine -7
(Resort fully open; lovely suriny stigng at all levels)
20 50 tair crust art sun 1
(Most runs open though, care needed lower down) Kitzbühel Obergura 45 55 taur varied closed su (Most litts open; well-groomed pistes to enjoy) Söfi FRANCE

gez 70 220 good varied good line 2 (Good skiing on all but lowest run; 74 of 82 lifts open) 10 50 fair varied closed fine -1 (Good piste skiing above 2,000 matres; 62 of 68 lifts open; ns 80 120 fair varied closed fine -3 (Resort futly open; lower slopes becoming heavy) ITALY

100 300 good varied good cloud: (Resort fully open; near-perfect skiing conditions) SWITZERLAND 0 110 tair varied closed sun 1 (Upper runs good, lower runs patchy; 33 of 41 lifts open) 15 120 tair varied worn fine 0

15 120 fair varied worn fine ( Generally good though worn patches; ten of 22 lifts open) 5 30 feir poor closed sun (Limited good piste sking; 16 at 23 lifts open) Wengen

Source; Ski Club of Great Britain. L. - lower slopes; U. - upper, art - artificial.

#### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 39

(c) The name of a cartoon character created during the war of 1914-18 by the British cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfather (1888-1959) and portrayed as a grumbling veteran soldier with a large moustache. "The creation of Old Bill was never deliberate. Bill somehow created himself."

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(Velses nobles et sentimentales); Scriabin (Poem of Ecstasy: BBC Symphony-Orchestra under Norman Del Mar); Joseph Marx (Weldseligkelt; Und gestern hat er mir; Maienbluten); Tchalkovksy (Romeo and Juliet); 11.13 Joseph Marx (Het dich die liebe berührt); Beethoven (Wind Quintet in E flat, Op 79); Tornkins (When David Heard: Choir of Trinity College under Richerd Marlow); Finge Under Fintasia and Toocata: Philip Fowke, pieno; Royal Liverpool PO under Hickox)

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ical Encounters with

"Sometimes," croons the man with the guitar, "I wonder about the dog in man 'cos dogs are everywhere." I do not follow the logic of this. Also, I am perplexed about another line in the song that says. "Dogs always wag their tails at pretty girls." Doesn't he mean pretty bitches? This mélange of canine quotes should please must duplichers, upset others. They are anonymously delivered, except when Noël Coward brackets mad dogs with Englishmen. Who, I wonder, is it who says that he hates dog owners? He calls them cowards because they lack the guts to bite people themselves. How many female heads will nod in sympathy. I wonder, as one woman says she prefers dogs to men because four-legged pets let her down less often?

You cannot say about Paul Hindemith's music that it usually warms

the heart and tickles the ribs. But even sobersides sometimes let their hair down: Today's recital by the Endellion Quartet is enlivened by a Hindemith work whose title takes almost as long to say as it does to play: Overture to Wagner's The Flying Dutchman as played at eight by a bad spa band at 7am in the spring. It has a fair selection of deliberately played partners refer. Bechang it is not currenting that

### Los Angeles quakes as Gretzky threatens to skate out of town

### **Great One** striving for last tilt at glory

Oliver Holt finds ice hockey's greatest player frustrated in his ambition to finish on a high

Gretzky looked haggard. A light beard of a few days' growth covered his face and he answered questions with smiles of weary relief. Things have started to go wrong in Tinseltown for the greatest ice hockey player the world has seen, the man who brought Hollywood stars like Sylvester Stallone to the rink side to watch him in wonder. He wants one last taste of glory before he retires, but he is being undone by the mediocri-

ty that surrounds him. Gretzky, who is known simply as The Great One across North America,

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turned 35 on Friday and, on Saturday, he inspired the Los Angeles Kings to a nerveracking 5-4 victory over the lowly Anaheim Mighty Ducks. One goal and three assists helped to break a run of eight games without a win, but

it is hardly the heights for which Gretzky had been hoping. Afterwards, the judges named him man of the match and the crowd in the cavernous Great Western Forum stood and cheered wildly with fear in their hearts. Just as the city has been energised by the news that the basketball star, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, was to end his retirement and rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers, so it has been dismayed by the. news that Gretzky may be

Gretzky, whose fourth position in the National Hockey League's scoring tables this season has been achieved de-spite his side's travails, has grown tired of skating uphill, carrying the whole team on his slender frame. He has let it be known that unless the Kings demonstrate their ambition of acquiring new players capable of taking the team to victory in the Stanley Cup, the sport's biggest prize, he will seek to end his career elsewhere. The St Louis Blues have already stated their interest.

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The last time he was sold, eight years ago, it created a national scandal. Television stations across Canada interrupted their programmes to tell a shocked nation that the Edmonton Oilers had traded him to the Kings for \$15 million plus two outstanding young players. Peter Pockling-ton, the Oilers' owner, was hanged in effigy outside the team's arena. Gretzky cried at

the press conference. In Sports Illustrated, the Vancouver journalist, Tim Taylor, wrote about the deal Canadians still refer to bitterly as "The Trade" under the headline "A Nation in Mourn-

ing". "The best hockey player in the world was ours and the Americans flew up from Hollywood in their private jet and bought him," he wrote. "It wasn't the Canadian heart that was torn, it was the Canadian psyche that was ripped by an uppercut to the

paranoia." Yet Gretzky's popularity relies on more than nationality. At the Forum, almost every team shirt among the audience has his name emblazoned on the back and, in the media room, the journalists talk of what a privilege it has been to watch him for the past six years. The reasons for their reverence are writ large in the record books.

After a while, it gets boring, so complete is his dominance. It reads like this. Most goals: Wayne Gretzky. Most assists: Wayne Gretzky. Most points: Wayne Gretzky. Highest points per game average: Wayne Gretzky. Most three or more goal games: Wayne Gretzky. Most 100 or more point seasons: Wayne Gretzky. Most goals in one season: wayne Greizky. Inai is just the beginning and, when you realise he won the trophy for most gentlemanly player on four occasions as well, it is easy to understand what an asset he is to the sport. His gift is that, with his



game accessible to those unversed in in its finer points. His passes are like Glenn Hoddle's or Dan Marino's, fenders out of position. He wrong-foots opponents with swift changes of direction, with feints and dummies, and, although he is not as fast as he used to be he can still sniff out a goal with the best of them.

the 1980s, he was the NHL's leading scorer and always by a country mile. He took the Kings to the Stanley Cup finals the Montreal Canadiens, and, after returning from a careerthreatening back injury, he topped the league's scoring again in 1994, although the Kings finished next to bottom of their division.

has had enough of being second-best. "My priority is to see if this ownership group would be willing to go out and a couple of guys it the Kings a contender for the Stanley Cup," he said in the Kings locker-room, "but that would cost a lot of money and I'm not sure that they are in that position at this point in

"In my career. I've been lucky enough to play with some great players and I've done some fun things over the years. For me, the one thing I another championship. That's really all I want to do and, if that means leaving Los Angeles, that's what I'd want. What is it that motivates me to keep playing? Winning. I just like to win. I just enjoy winning."

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rankings

### Pugh tipped for key role

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

lands will step down at the end

of February after nine years.

His successor will require a

higher profile — and, possibly.

a different base since a move

from Bristol either to Dublin

or the Continent is contem-

changes having lapsed, the 37

alterations proposed by mem-

ber unions include one from

New Zealand to force back-

row forwards to stay bound at

scrums until the ball has been

cleared. The intention is to

plated, for tax reasons. The moratorium on law

THE International Rugby BUT DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT Football Board (IRFB), having made fundamental change in Paris last August by declaring rugby union an open sport, concluded its annual council meeting in London vesterday by looking towards the man-

agement of the new era. rugby union is at a premium and the board will announce today the name of the new chairman, who will hold office for a three-year term.

Previously, the post has been rotated annually but the board has recognised the need. for greater continuity. It is likely that England will waive their turn, with Vernon Pugh, chairman of the Welsh Rugby

Union, the probable beneficiaarea, which was never so busy ry. The board will have re-viewed the response to the before changes made in 1992 to the ruck and maul. advertised post of chief execu-After being interrupted by tive, from which Keith Rowthe weather last weekend

New South Wales hope to resume their tour today against England A at Leicester, where the kick-off has been brought forward to 2\_30pm. England A have lost both previous games against fully-fledged provincial teams from the southern hemisphere but the likes of Austin Healey, the Orrell scrum half, and Tim Stimpson, West Hartlepool's full back, will do themselves no harm by playing well today, with the senior XV in a comparatively unsettled

guys got appearance money as well as me. This is discrimi-

nation. Eliminating appear-

ance money is up to the

sponsors. They cannot be

dictated to. They can do what

they like. No one is ever going

Frank Williams, Norman's

manager, has reportedly

claimed that attempts to elimi-

nate appearance money

would constitute restraint of

However, Schofield dis-

to change that."

trade for Norman.

BY COUN MCQUILLAN ANOTHER powerful performance this week from the South African Craig van der Wath, which deprived Cannons Club, the defending champions, of a vital second string point in their pursuit of ICL Lion Herts at the top of

> that he might well emerge as the player of the season. Van der Wath, of Ogmore Valley Dragons, beat Tony Hands, the England No 9 and world ranked No 15, 15-10, 16-17, 15-10, 15-6, which would make nonsense of his own world ranking of No 43, had he not suffered such a desper-

the Super Squash League, strengthened the impression

ate international season. A bout of blood poisoning. triggered by a long undiagnosed gastric leakage, sav him struggling for form last year, when he lost his national title to Craig Wapnick and was left out of the South

African squad. "Since getting the body sort-ed out again, I have played well on the circuit but missed chances to assert myself both in the World Open and the Mahindra Challenge late last year," the South African said. The next fixture, on Febru-

ary 12, against the undefeated league leaders, who field in Chris Walker, Del Harris and Mark Chaloner three members of the England squad which won the world team title in Cairo last November. offers van der Wath the chance of an even greater prize in the shape of Walker, the England captain. The match has been switched to Maesteg Squash Club to cater for the large crowd expected.

### deliberately played wrong notes. Perhaps it is not surprising that Hindemith wrote this piece. After all, he did write a lot of reusic for amateurs to play. Haydn's Sunset quartet and Shestakovich's Quartet No 7 are the other works in loday's concert. Peter Davalle WORLD SERVICE

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FEW subjects have dogged the PGA European Tour down the years as much as the appearance money paid to the leading golfers as an inducement to play in tournaments. On the eve of the Heineken Classic, the second event on this year's European Tour, the subject raised its head once

Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, said that he had written to the sponsors of three major events - the Murphy's Irish Open, the Canon European Masters in Switzerland and the Dubai Desert Classic accusing them of breaching the Tour's guidelines with regard to appearance money. The Tour's recommendation is that appearance money should not total more than 25 per cent of the purse.

Greg Norman, the world

No l, competed in these events and it was partly to attract him that sponsors exceeded the guidelines. Schofield's remarks appear to be aimed at Norman, who said: "Why am I being singled out? Everybody gets it. Other



Schofield: accusations

agreed. "I'd have thought that, provided the fellow is qualified to enter, then it is hard for him to say he is being restrained," he said. "We are doing what is best for the majority. If Frank and Greg say they may be being re-strained. I say to them you must test that". I have talked to our legal counsel and I am. pretty relaxed about that."

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# ASTRO CHOICE

### Good news not news, dramatically speaking

The House (BBC2) provided glorious proof that when it. comes to making a drama out of a crisis, Michael Waldman is definitely your man. Last night, however, the director faced a much tougher challenge - conjuring enough crisis from more everyday dramas at the Royal Opera House to keep the series' disaster-thirsty fans satisfied.

He rose to it as entertainingly as ever but in the process traded dangerously off the goodwill fillwill, of course, from the perspective of the opera house management) generated by the superb first two programmes.

Time and again he marched us, drooling greedily in anticipation. to the top of emergency hill and time and again what we found was : business prenty much as normal. Waldman let us down gently with well-observed and nicely understated humour - the

stagehand engrossed in a thriller as Darcey Bussell waited nervously for her big entrance; the chorus wobbly while wearing bald wigs; and the groaning complaints of the male dancer forced to dance on pointe: "Every girl I have ever dropped is having her revenge." It was entertaining, it was

watchable but it was definitely not what were used to. With the series now halfway through its six-part distinct possibility emerged that what began with the most dramatic of bangs could yet go out with a whimper. At least Jeremy Isaacs will be pleased.

For aficionados, it started promisingly enough. "Another night at the opera," began Jancis Robinson's excellent narration, "and within the last hour Jeffrey Black has lost his voice." Goody, goody, we all thought - more management panic, more nervous standins and more sulky audiences -

lovely. But not a hit of it. Instead Thomas Allen was woken up in Fulham the had just flown in from Los Angeles), the announcement that he would be singing the part of the Count was greeted with almost wild applause and then he went out and sang it beautifully. where's the fun in that?

Last week she looked as if she L was rehearsing for Slipping Beauty. This week it was her performance that was highly pol-Íshed, rather than Mária Bjornson's set. Robinson tried hard to inject tension - "Princess Aurora is the pinnacle for any ballerina who wants to prove herself as a major star" - but to no avail. Bussell stepped out and

t was the same with Bussell,

proved it. The episode may have been short of disaster (Bussell's subsequently badly injured ankle was REVIEW



offered as a curious post-credits reminder of what might have been) but it had some tortuous footage (ankleage?) of the pain dancers out themselves through. Zoltan Solymosi puffed and panted in the wings of the Kennedy Centre, while Bussell implored her joints to one more effort. Drama, certainly, but where was the crisis? Quite possibly on its way - we

saw how Mike Morris landed the

got the first glimpse of how he difficult industrial relations at the opera house. Confrontation, 1 am pleased to report, looms.

By contrast with The House. The Decision (Channel 4) came close to being unwatchable at times. This was partly inevitable. given that its subject was amnio-centesis, the test which detects whether an unborn baby has Down's syndrome. But it was also partly the fault of its makers, who seemed to have gone out of their way to find subjects with good reason to view the test with above average suspicion. Of the four women filmed, two were over 40 and a third had already given birth to a Down's syndrome baby. Where the film scored highly. however, was in showing the mathematical moddle that surrounds the tests. There is no

arabahility but you might hope that the professionals, in this case a midwife, could come up with something better than "it's all very clever, the computer sorts it out".

ulie, for instance, had been given a one in 130 chance of having a Down's syndrome baby by an initial blood protein test. Now she was coming under pressure to have amniocentesis, which gives a yes or no answer to Down's but carries a one in 100 chance of miscarriage. She wasn't alone in being confused and indeed frightened about what to do next. In the end she reluctantly chose to take the test ... and got the answer that she and pregnant women hope for. No Down's and no miscarriage.

However, the programme had little time for the relief that most amniocentesis tests must bring, just as it had little time to look at reason to expect pregnant women

syndrome adults.

The longest, most harrowing section focused on Ellen who, at 44, had been given a one in two chance of having a Down's baby by the early test. She chose to take the second test and got the result she dreaded and expected. Amid the tears, it was difficult to remember that this too was the test working. Ellen and her husband had an appalling choice but at least they made it knowing all the facts.

Earlier. Maggie (Penelope Keith) and Andrew (William Gaunt) took their grandchildren off for a holiday in France in the woeful Next of Kin (BBC1). Some of you may remember that it was in France that the children's parents were killed in a car accident, thus providing the least palatable premise in British sit-com television history. It still isn't funny.

Lynne Truss is on holiday

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10.00 News (Cestax), regional news and weather (2168495) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6787412) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (11162)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6823493) 12.05pm Pebble Mill(s) (9061899)

12.50 Regional News and weather (13766054) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelar) and weather (53783) 1,30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (64828580)

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Aspel (Ceelax) (s) (1035) .30 May to December. Zoë thinks she has found the netlect match for her sister, but Alec isn't so sure. With Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunloo (r) (Ceetax) (s) (257)

3.00 How Do They Do That? The secrets of television and film revealed by Famoon Holmes and Jenny Hull Plus stories of achievement from the fields of medicine, science, sport and entertainment (Ceefax) (s) (836696)

**B.50 Points of View** (Ceelax) (s) (967948) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelax), regional news and weather (2257)

9.30 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates Patncia Routledge stars as the sexagenarian sleuth. Michael's mother knows he can't live at home, but she wants to make sure he's all right. Hetty has to find him before it's too late (Ceefax) (s) (240306)

10.20 Childwatch Plus Ten. Esther Rantzen launches an update looking back over the ten years since the BBC's Childwatch

10.30 Sportsnight. Ray Stubbs introduces highlights of tonight's FA Carling Premiership, Aston Villa v Liverpool, Plus action from the European middleweight title light between Richie Woodall and Derek Wormald (6443901)

11.50 FILM: Rocky II (1979) staming and directed by Sylvester Stallone. Sequel to the 1976 Oscar-winning film which made Stations a star. Things are looking bleak for the Philadelphia boxer, Rocky. His wite is in a post-natal come and he has an eye injury that could stop him lighting. But the world heavyweight title beckons (Ceetax) (361290)

1.45am Weather (6645130) WALES: 1.45am News headlines and weather (6645130)

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6.00am Business and Work 7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceelax) (6884899)

7.15 Lassie (r) (3908677) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (r) (7055832) 8.05 Run the Risk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5015948) 8.35 The Record. Yesterday in Parliament (s) (9299783) 9.00 Holiday Outings. A day trip to Venice from Manchester (f)

(6149493) 9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10,25 Playdays (6786783)

2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (86254219) 2.10 The Andrew Nell Show. Viewers question newsmakers (s) (5222832)

3.00 News (Ceafax) and weather; Westminster with Nick Ross (s) (7952696) 3.55 News (Ceelax) and weather (5918219)

4.00 Today's the Day History quiz (s) (986) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (870) 5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. A "where are they now?" edition (Ceetax) (s)

(7500696) 5.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathe newsclips from 40 years ago (308870) A Different Country Practice.
Physiotherapists working for the Airedale

NHS Trust (219948) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation Science-fiction adventures (Ceelax) (s)

(968528) 6.45 The O Zone, Pop music (s) (561073) 7.00 Video Nation. Series in which people nationwide use cameorders to record their views of

1990s Britain. (Ceefax) (157870) 7.50 Tex Avery A classic cartoon (122528) 8.00 University Challenge, Heriol-Watt University v University College, Oxford. The question-master is Jeremy Paxman

(Ceelax) (s) (8325) Includes prawn cocktail 2000, beef in designer beer, and Black Forest gateau. (Ceelax) (s) (7832)

9.00 Yes, Minister, Jim Hacker is pressured by Sir Humphrey to discipline an efficient local authority With Paul Eddington. Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds (r).



Brooke's charm offensive (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: Painted Bables. (Ceelar) (s) (557348) 10,20 What the Papers Say, With Bronwen (253238)

**10,30 Newsnight**. (Ceelax) (667580) 11.15 The Big Idea. Andrew Marr's guest is Francis Fukuyema, an American policy analyst (s) (654899) 11.45 Weather

11.50 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil Political chal show (s) (702412)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

### CHOICE

Video Nation: State of Play

BBC2, 7.00pm The statistics proclaim that car boot sales and video games are among the favourite leisure pursuits of the British in the 1990s and both feature strongly in this latest selection from ordinary people's video diaries. But what is also striking is the survival of traditional activities, such as ballroom dancing, horseriding and singing in a choir. And the golf widow is probably as old as, well, golf. She is represented here by Jeannette Dent, wife of a police sergeant, who says that if he is not playing the game he is watching it, or talking about it, or reading about it in the magazine she is stupid enough to buy him. The film offers another telling statistic, that leisure time halves when children arrive, though men still have considerably more of it than their wives. Women's lib has far to go.

Hollywood Men: Boys Will be Boys

Martha Raye was an engaging light cornedy star of the Thirties and Forties, best remembered for Hellzapoppin and Chaplin's Monsieur Verdoux. True to form. the programme mentions none of this and picks up on Raye towards the end of her life when she was in a wheelchair after a series of strokes. Enter Mark Harris, a pushy impresario, who despite being more than 30 years younger persuaded Raye to marry him after a three-week acquaintance. The central portion of the film consists of an unedifying slanging match between Harris and Melodye Condos. Raye's daughter, over the dead star's money. And so the relentless trawl of showbusiness sleaze goes on. Thank goodness for Roseanne, the sit-com queen whose tart one-liners include the following: "The real Hollywood man is a terrified little boy and wants his mommy.

Under the Sun: Painted Babies BBC2.9\_X/pm

Would-be Shirley Temples converge on Atlanta, Georgia, for the final of the Southern Charm Pageant. The pageant circuit can be lucrative territory for these tots and their ambitious parents. Five-year-old Brooke Breedwell has already won \$10,000 in prize money, as well as a car and a cruise. Her main rival. Asia Mansur, is another big earner though a car has so far eluded her. The key to Asia's success is her singing. As she bawls out Bill Builey from the back of a car this is hard to understand. As cute and packaged as Barbie dolls, a comparison Brooke's pushy mum is more than happy with, the kids prepare for the big day. It says much for the enterprise that it is the parents not the youngsters, who are the bad losers. Jane Treays's film is as notable for the brilliance of its observation as for resisting the temptation to mock.

Short and Curlies: Fathers, Sons and

Channel 4. 9.45pm

This film, by the writer and director Danny Thompson, is nothing less than the story of two generations of a black British family, and all told in 11 minutes. In such a tight space, every image and every line of dialogue has to count, and they do. In the present Martin (Lennie James) is a young man trying to cope with a small son. In black-and-white flashback, Martin as a boy (Oscar Lobban) is helping his dad (Oscar James) on a building site. The linking theme is the absence of a mother, both for the young Martin and for the grown Martin's son. As this becomes clear the opening shot of a graveyard takes on a greater significance, though the film waits until the last shot before telling us more. Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (2344696)

9,25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4860290) 9,55 | Regional News (Teletert) (6763832) | 10.00 The Time...the Place (5) (1544528) | 10.35 This Morning (57785238)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6693764) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (799342) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

(599696) 6.25 HTV News (Teletern) (757509)

7.00 Wish You Were Here ... ? Up-and-Burns Irail to mark the 200th anniversary of his death; and a minibus tour around Nevada (Teletad) (9431) 7.30 Coronation Street. Vera has

supernatural encounter at No 5. (Teletext) (325) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight Guests include Bette Midler and Mike and the Mechanics

(s) (5832)



Roseanne on men and boys (9.00pm)

9.00 HIGE Hollywood Men: Boys Will Be Boys (3/4) (Teletext) (s) (5696)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (15325)10.30 Regional News (Teletest) (875122)

10.40 FILM: Nadine (1987). A scatty comedy thriller staming Kim Basinger and Jeff Bridges. A 1950s Texas handresser, pregnant and in the throes of a divorce witnesses the murder of a photographer Directed by Robert Benton (Teletext) (6381832)

12.10 God's Gift (8784246) 1.10 Dear Nick (\$908352) 2.10 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (8731230) 2.40 ITV Sport Classics (2828536)

3.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (4064791) 4.05 Coach (s) (68667352) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (66975) 5.00 The Village Show (41178) 5.30 Morning News (36159)

As HTV WEST except 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (757509)

### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (6837696) 12.55 Chain Letters (6101290)

1.25 Coronation Street (32560/35) 1.55-2.25 Home and Away (76690035)

2.25 Vanessa (18535054) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1297431) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6693764) 6.00-7,00 Westcountry Live with David

Foster and Alison Johns (59257)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (6101290) 1.25 Chain Letters (32560035) 1.55 A Country Practice (64823035)

2.20 Vanessa (18536783) 2.50-3.20 Our House (4070509) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6693764) 6.25 Central News and Weather (507615)

6.55-7.00 Life Line (360431) 12.10am Tales from the Crypt (6221772) 1.40 Dear Nick (1848807) 2,40 The Good Sex Guide... Late (7117468)

3,30 Jones and Jury (96098642) 3.55 On the Live Side (81980420) 4.00 Jobfinder (6991791) 5.20 Asian Eye (1483178)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 Chain Letters (6101290) 1.25 Home and Away (32560035) 1.55 A Country Practice (64823035) 2.20 Vanessa. A studio discussion on a

woman's topic, chaired by Vanessa Feltz 2.50-3.20 Special Bables (4070509)

5.10 Home and Away (6693764) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Freescreen (234257)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (561) 6.30-7.00 Birdwatch with Chris Packham Includes a visit to a bird hospital to meet two survivors of cat attacks (141)

5.00am Freescreen (41178)

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Bears (42250561) 2.05 FILM: Son of Fury (1942) Tyrone Power is a nobleman whose lather dies and aves him in the care of his wicked uncle, George Sanders, Directed by John Cromwell (Teletext) (729433)

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Terrytoons (383561) 6.00pm The Crystal Maze. Ed Tudor-Pole guides another team through the four tricky worlds (r) (Teletext) (s) (57899)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (875764) 7.55 The Slot (125615) 8.00 Brookside. Will Gary and Jimmy make

history? (3493) 8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy visits the archipelago of the Azores(2528)

9.00 Dispatches. Are all the 100,000 hysterectomies performed each year in this country entirely necessary? (Teletexi)



Oscar James, Oscar Lobban (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies (Teletext)
(s) (122509) 10.00 ER. White Benton recurperates. Cartel attempts to dazzle the stall (698290)

(Teletext) (s) 10.55 Friends. While Phoebe and Chandler end their respective romantic relationships, Rachel and Ross have their first date - doing the laundry (r) (Teletext) (s) (461493)

11.30 Moviewatch. Film magazine (s)

12.05am The Best of Aykroyd, Belushi and Chase In lonight's programme, the spotlight is on Dan Ackroyd (2533826) 1.10 Made in the USA Laurie Pike visits

America's biggest shopping mall (r) (2474913) 1.55 FiLM: Prince of Foxes (1949 b/w) starring Tyrone Power and Orson Welles. Swashbuckler set in Renaissance Italy A soldier-ambassador is despatched by the evil Cesare Borgia to spy out the land

preparatory to an invasion. Directed by

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (3155280) 6:30 Fraggle Rock (1252432) 7.00 Winne the Poon (4270629) 7:30 Duckales (57020126) 8:00 Chip in Date Recue Rangers (43316035) 6:30 Wonderland (43117305) 9:00 Disney (31576329) 10:00 Under the Umbrolla Tree (28929734) 10:30 Fraggle Rock (49320970) 11:00 Muppet Babies (69698054) 11:30 Pooh Corner (6969783) 12:30 Duckales (49311122) 12:30pm Dumbo's Crous (98287341) 1:00 Wonderland (57125770) 1:30 FLM Flight for Freedom (67068948) 3:30 Winne the Pooh (62999342) 4:00 Ouack Attack (9329429) 4:30 Duckales (67098513) 5:00 Chip in Date Rescuir Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm 2.30 Writing
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10.00pm Rugby Hall of Fame (4150293) 10.30 World Cup Classics West Germany vs France 1982 (4228431) 12.00 Blood Sweet and Glory (4523246) 12.39am Second Innings THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00mm Lv/ng World 5.00 Kenneth Cope-lard 5.30 hat: TV 5.45 General Christian Entertamment 6.15 Benny Him/Thia is Your Day 8.45-7.00 Music

SKY SOAP 7.00sm Guding Light (7903696) 7.55 As the World Turns (9636615) 8.50 Peyton Place (6015601) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (7309054) 10.10-11.00 Another World (7521866) SKY TRAVEL

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MAGUIRE HOPING TO RETURN FOR SANDOWN MEETING

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31 1996** 

### Robson heads shortlist for England job

BY DAVID MADDOCK

THE PHONEY war is over: now the real battle commences. A five-man sub-committee of the Football Association met for precisely 90 minutes yesterday afternoon, intent upon the task of selecting the next man to take charge of the English national team. It was a fruitful meeting, Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, commented afterwards.

None of the sub-committee members felt moved to detail their lengthy deliberations, instead offering only the fact that no announcement was imminent on the identity of their chosen successor to Terry Venables. A further meeting is to be convened within the next few weeks to discuss progress.

It is understood that the sub-committee did, in fact, go as far as to draw up a shortlist of candidates that it feels are suitably qualified to fill the position when it becomes vacant after the European championship finals, which are to be held in this country in June. The usual suspects were rounded up and given a once-

emerging as possibles to fit the Unsurprisingly, Bryan Rob-son, the Middlesbrough manager, heads the list. He is joined by Gerry Francis, of Tottenham Hotspur, and Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, in forming the core element of discussions. How-

Ball's return ..

ard Wilkinson and Kevin

Keegan were also given due

consideration yesterday.

Since all five candidates have, at some stage, ruled themselves out of the running for the pressure-laden job, this is where the hard work really starts. Jimmy Armfield, the special adviser to the FA, has been charged with persuading one of the candidates to accept.

Keegan is considered too hard a nut to crack and he is unlikely to figure any further. Over the course of the next two

TWO

CROSSWORD

speak first to Robson, already a coach within the England set-up, to discover just how resistant he will prove to advances from the FA. There is a feeling among committee members, shared by Armfield. that some of the denials of desire to manage England have a hollow ring about

"Glenn is a wonderfully talented manager and he has the ability to become the national coach, but we do not want to lose him from Chelsea," Gullit said. "He is the reason I came here and we all want him to stay."

the favourite to fill the job. perhaps in tandem with a senior figure to guide him through the early stages of his new role, should he accept any overtures from the FA. It emerged last night that

his England squad has been cancelled because of heavy congestion in the fixture list. Venables held a successful meeting of his squad earlier this month, but unprecedented postponements in the fourth round of the FA Cup last weekend have prevented him from repeating the

The FA is keen to avoid

allowing the situation to deenerate into the near-farce of the last appointment, when Venables's selection was subject to more twists than an Agatha Christie plot It intends to secure the acceptance of its candidate before his name is made official - hence the interlude of two weeks while Armfield makes his

Hoddle has emerged as an interesting candidate in recent weeks. Like Robson, he has issued noises suggesting that the FA would be wasting their time in making an approach. However, the policy is to go for the best man and then worry about his response only after he has been approached. Hoddle, along with Francis, can expect to see Armfield at

some stage.

Last night, Chelsea were quick to offer the hope that their manager would not leave them. Ruud Gullit, the Holland international, whose presence has done so much to evive fortunes at Stamford Bridge, said he spoke for all his team-mates when he hoped that the FA would not choose their leader.

Robson, however, remains

centre, in place of Matthew Wintle, his Llanelli colleague. Seven of the side, including Jonathan Humphreys, the captain, will be making their first appearance in the championship, but the Wales selec-tors, having stated their preference for youth over the

boldly to their guns. Only five of their chosen XV have played FIVE NATIONS an international at Twickenham before, though Howley appeared there for Swansea University in the 1991 UAU final. He was on the losing

the temptation to recall Neil Jenkins, the country's record nomts-scorer, at stand-off, Jenkins proved his recovery from a cracked collarbone in a trial match on Monday evening, but Kevin Bowring, the coach, said his match fitness would be insufficient, so Thomas receives the opportunity to confirm the good impression he created against the Italians.

Howley deserves his chance on club form," Bowring said. "We are fortunate to have a talented group of players at scrum half but Robert has a physical quality which might be needed both in attack and defence against England. Outside him. Arwel is a very brave, as well as a confident, player."

Howley's elevation has been a long time coming. Just over

The selectors have resisted



Thomas looks forward to wearing the Wales No 10 shirt for the second time after being chosen to face England yesterday. Photograph: Huw Evans

Howley joins Thomas in Wales side

CHAMPIONSHIP

then the Bridgend director of rugby, forecast an international future for his bright young half backs, Howley and Mat-thew Lewis. Now both are members of the Wales squad but Howley, 25, has taken a

TEAM

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couple of backward steps be-fore finally assuming the No 9

jersey.

He has occupied all the rungs on the international ladder, from schools to Wales process with an ill-fated move to Cardiff - swapping club places with Moore, as it happened — three years ago. His form wavered but this season he has recovered all his old snap and sparkle, to such good effect that he has been headhunted by newly-rich

He has yet to decide whether to accept the contract oftered by the north London club -- and the alluring prospect of playing alongside Michael Lynagh - but strenuous efforts are being made to keep him in Wales, both by Bridgend and by the Welsh Rugby Union, which is understood to be offering him em-

ployment as a youth development officer. Understandably, his focus now is on his Wales debut, rather than his long-term future, though this selection

more determined to secure him. "It's a matter of finetuning both Arwel's attributes and mine," Howley said. We'll have to spend the next few days in each other's pockets." Both are capable runners but Welsh policy is also to spread the play and use the

pace of those outside them. "I think the England back will be more worned about me than I am about them," Howley said, holding out the sort of hostage to fortune he may live to regret. They don't know much about me, I haven't played against them before."

Thomas admitted that, at 3th short of 11 stone, he would be a likely target for the big England back row, of whom Lawrence Dallaglio played against him when Bristol lost to Wasps in November. "I need to repay the Welsh selectors for the faith they have shown in me and get some tackles in." Thomas said. "I'm that small I'll probably try and run between their

Pugh tipped, page 42

### Terry Venables's proposed get-together next month for

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6 Two-piece nightwear (7)

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- 15 Arousing lewd thoughts (9)
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- 24 Holder of inquest (7) 25 Chew; Edvard - The Cry

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### Marriage of codes sealed in Leeds

100 years has given 👢 way to an extraordi nary co-operation between the rugby codes, with former rivals toasting one another in fine wines at the marriage of convenience in Leeds yesterday between the city's rugby eague and rugby union clubs. Until union went openly professional 157 days ago, it was a match made in beil. Then the league club offered its Headingley home, its wordly goods in their best talents such as Garry Schofield and Alan Tait, and the union dub came ranning. with £2.25 million on deposit from the sale of its Kirkstall ground half a mile away.

Brian Walker, deputy leader of Leeds City Council, described it as "good old Yorkshire common sense". Good old business sense is what it actually makes. The ground-share agreement cov-

Christopher Irvine on a plan for union and league to share ground and players

ers five years, the duration of the Super League contract. In a throw-away line, Mike Palmer-Jones, the union club chairman, gave the game away: "It is possible that within that period there could be only one code of rugby." If some form of hybrid is the future, then Leeds obviously want to be first in on the act. A combination of the respective forces of Wigan Sale might not be far behind. With the switch by rugby league to summer, the union club will take up winter-time residence at Headingley in September. As most league players would be available shortly afterwards. Denis

Greenwood the Leeds chair-

man, said he would release

By David Hands

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES will parade a half-

back combination playing to-gether for the first time for

their opening match in rugby

union's five nations' champ-

ionship against England at

Twickenham on Saturday.

Not only has Arwel Thomas,

retained at stand-off half, he is

joined by the only newcomer

Howley's promotion to scrum half is one of two

changes from the side that

hung on to beat Italy 31-26

earlier this month. He re-

places Andy Moore, of Car-

diff, who may regard himself

as slightly unfortunate, and

the experienced Nigel Davies

returns for his 21st cap at

in the team. Robert Howley.

the Bristol youngster,

individuals to the union side."We'd have any of them."

Palmer-Jones admitted. Although at the wrong end of the Courage Clubs Championship fourth division, Leeds underlined their ambition by the recent appointment of Phil Davies as director of rugby. The former Wales forward not only now has the best ground facilities in the game. but has at his disposal former union players in Tait, Jim Fallon and Harvey Howard who converted to league, and league players, such as Schofield, who are keen to try

It will doubtless require more of an incentive than the £100 win-money that the union club pays. Nonetheless, it is clear that the "rental" deal struck by Widnes for John Devereux, the former Wales centre, to play 16 matches for Sale next season, is merely the

first of its type. At this stage, Leeds do not see any movement from the union club their way, but the establishment of a joint centre of rugby excellence offers an

intriguing prospect.

A problem for the union club is that its 200-strong crowds -- 60 times smaller than the league club's average will be lost in a 20,000capacity stadium. Even Bramley, who have been based at Kirkstall since August, gain double the union dub's attendance. However, with a rugby

public wanting their winter fix at Headingley and the possibility of Leeds players turning their hand to the 15man game, union club offici-als are confident of attracting greater support

### Black boxes to aid bid for grand prix safety

MAX MOSLEY, the president of the International Motor Sport Federation, took a new step in the drive for improved safety in grand prix racing yesterday when he revealed that Formula One cars are to be fitted with black boxes, similar to those used in aeroplanes, to record their behaviour in the seconds before a crash (Oliver Holt writes).

Mosley, who has also pioneered campaigns to use For-mula One technology in road safety, said that the data-logging devices would be used on an experimental basis on some cars midway through this season, before their full implementation at the beginning of 1997.

The intention is that the boxes will give the sport's governing body a wealth of information about how the cars react when they career out of control, and how effec ively they are slowed ! existing safety precaution such as gravel traps and ty

barriers. Mosley said that the inti duction of the boxes was pa of the legacy of the death Ayrton Senna, the three tin orld champion, at the S Marino Grand Prix in M 1994. If Senna's car had b fitted with one, he said would have revealed beyo doubt what caused his f accident, and would help explain the factors bel Mika Hakkinen's serious: dent at the Australian Gr Prix in Adelaide November.

"We need information to us exactly what happens v cars go off the track," Me said. "If we learn more a that, we should be able to them hitting barriers."

